
Subject: Re: installing IDL

Posted by [Tapuosi Lotoaniu](#) on Sat, 14 Jun 2003 01:38:26 GMT

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Log in as root. Goto where file is located and type

```
gunzip idl_linux.x86.tar.gz
```

this will unzip your file. Then

```
tar -xvf idl_linux.x86.tar
```

What happens next depends on whether the file is the install binary or source codes. If the former then the above command will untar most likely just one file locally to the directory where `idl_linux.x86.tar` is located. In that case type the name of the untar file at the prompt. You may have to type `./` before the file name. If however its the source codes then above command will create a linux directory and untar the files into it. In this case go to this directory and read all readme, install and config files on how to compile and install the IDL source files.

On 13 Jun 2003, Steve wrote:

```
> dear all,  
> I have just downloaded IDL for my linux os, and I would like to  
> install it (I have root access).  
> I am new to linux and IDL :-(  
> The file is idl_linux.x86.tar.gz and it is in my /home/steve  
> Is there any one so kind to drive me ste by step in installation  
> procedure?  
> Thank a lot, cheers!  
>  
>
```
