
Subject: Re: IDL 6.0 on Fedora Core 1 Linux
Posted by [Ben Panter](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2003 18:34:08 GMT
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Paul Hein wrote:

> 4) Debian is a possibility, but they are very slow to issue
> updates, and their installation process is painful. I know
> both of these are changing, but change takes time, and who
> knows....

<snip>

> Please feel free to share this information with the newsgroup. The
> opinions of the IDL Linux community are very important in figuring
> out what we should do...

We've just gone through the "no more redhat - argh!" debate here at the Royal Observatory. At a guess we have 200 or so centrally managed linux boxes, running all manner of astronomical gubbins. Most machines are currently at RH 7.2 (fully patched as far as possible and behind a firewall). The decision was made to go for Debian as it is "easier for central management" - read the IT folk who make our networking work.

I've just moved to mandrake for my personal machine, as installing Debian was exceptionally non trivial for a user rather than a guru.

I guess the gist of this is that you may need separate "standards" for the sitewide type installs (performed by people for whom linux installs are bread and butter) and the lone machiners who want to use idl rather than play with linux making linux work

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