
Subject: Re: IDL 6.0 on Fedora Core 1 Linux
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An "Informed source at RSI" emailed me and this is what he said:

It's a good question. We're trying to figure that out ourselves...
I can tell some things right now:

- 1) We may test with RedHat Enterprise, but we don't want to make it our standard reference platform. As you say, it's expensive. To my mind, you might as well run Solaris for that kind of \$\$\$.
- 2) Fedora is a possibility, but it remains to be seen if it will be as solid as Red Hat was, and we're waiting along with everyone else to see.
- 3) For a couple of days, I thought that Suse might be the answer, but then they got bought, and there are even more questions about their future than there are for RedHat/Fedora...
- 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....

RedHat served an important purpose in the Linux community, even for those who run other distributions. By establishing a solid least common denominator, they brought order to that world. Pity they couldn't keep doing it...

So, it's up in the air right now. Fortunately, there's no huge rush to decide, and we can wait a bit to see how things shake out. Our next release will probably be based on one of the already existing RedHats, maybe even staying at RedHat 7.1 (it seems solid, and we've had little or no compatability issues with other distros). Beyond that, we'll watch events unfold, and try to pick the best one...

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...
