Hay, nice thread this night!
Interesting to see how moving such a simple question is!
David, this thread could become a new Tutorial.

To add a bit from me: after years of workstation usage (VMS/Unix/HP),
years of PC (mostly Windows, linux (Suse)) I now decided to go over to Mac
OS X, enchanted by the seemingly simplicity and the obvious lack of
distorted thinking and reasoning mostly caused by usage of Windows.

Even if that might be unrealistic: I think switching on the virgin Mac,
installing IDL, running the routines necessary is far better than spending
years with troubles and losses caused by Windows/linux problems. And than,
after some days/weeks/months of satisfying work I will even decide to use
X windows with the (X)emacs (?) running with idlwave ...

Please don't spoil my phantasy! I hope really to overcome this
unbelievable corruption of thinking caused by the usage of MS software!

Regards
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On Wed, 16 Feb 2005 10:54:48 -0700, David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com>
wrote:

> Ok, you Linux guys,
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> I have to break down and install Linux so I can sort out some
> X Windows problems with my IDL widgets. Which flavor is the easiest
> to install for the, uh, less technically astute members of
> our esteemed organization? :-)
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> P.S. I'll probably put it on an old DELL laptop I have
> around here and have been using as a doorstop.
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