
Subject: Re: Linux Question

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> No, no. I agree with you *completely*. It is nonsense
> in this day and age for IDL to work so poorly out of
> the box. And it is ruinous for people who want to promote
> and sell IDL. Part of my frustration with iTools is that
> I see such a lot of effort on stuff that's not needed,
> and so little attention paid to the simple things that
> could make a world of difference to the people who are
> actually trying to use IDL.

Regarding iTools, the first time iTools was included, I wanted to try things out. I bring up an iTool and click and BOOM! There went my IDL session and I think it even took my shell along with it. There also went any interest I had in iTools. After a little research, I figured out the problem, but iTools are nothing more than a whiz-bang feature that has no practical application (for me).

> But why are you responding to me! There should be
> a ground swell of letters directed to RSI. Why are
> so many people willing to settle for this?

To whom within RSI do we send our ground swell of letters? Do you think RSI would listen, if we as the IDL newsgroup, came up with a list of the top things we'd most like to see implemented? Instead of each one of us requesting all sorts of different little things, find the things that we have in common and all of us get behind that effort to get it in? Grass roots, baby!! ;-)

-Mike
