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Subject: IDL and FreeBSD

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Hi, Folks

I've managed to run idl/idlde under FreeBSD(actually pc-bsd-0.7.5) following the tips provided by

Teresa(<http://www.physics.sfsu.edu/~tjohnson/tips.html>).

So far it runs all my code flawlessly. There seems to be some minor issues that has something to do with converting strings to Pixmaps when issueing the idl/idlde command. Basically, you will see no splash screen when start idlde and after idlde startup, all toolbar icons are missing, instead, strings of text are shown such as "Save",

"Copy", "Run", "Compile" etc. however they are functioning as usual.

This issue does prevent idl from running properly when in vm mode since you have to click the splash screen to excute the code. Thus I got an error as "cannot convert string 'idlv' to Pixmap". I am wondering if anyone here knows how to fix this or know for sure it can not be fixed at the script level. I know this is mostly for fun and may not get anywhere(unless rsi decide to support bsd:). But still I'd love to hear from you guys. Any comments, opinions are welcome.

cheers,BP

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