
Subject: Re: Installing IDL 6.1 on debian linux
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> I spent 2 days working on that. This is completely pure waste on time.

You are aware that Debian is NOT an officially supported platform?
Remember that when you try to branch out to something unsupported there will be most likely be little gotchas and maybe big problems along the way. And also remember that most of us use one of the supported platforms, so the help we can give is limited.

> 1. Even executing xinstall.sh does not work unless you copy the cdrom
> tree to another directory

This is a Debian issue. I believe that you simply don't have the correct permissions on the directory where the CD is mounted.

> 2. Installation lets you install anywhere you want for idl, but the
> license has a hardcoded /usr/local (even if you can manually change this
> path, this does not look safe or intuitive)

What specifically are you referring to? The DAEMON line of the license file? If so, the path on that line is simply the full path to the IDL binary directory. You can freely change that path to wherever that directory is.

> 3. The license manager thing is installed in a redhat manner which is
> completely different from debian, and there is not a chance this will
> work out of the box, so *yes* I have to start lmgrd manually.

There is a script that comes with IDL that will start up the license manager. You will need to manually add the script to your boot up programs (the Debian equivalent of Redhat's init.d directories). Finally, you will need to edit the script if IDL is not installed under /usr/local as you seem to imply.

-Mike
