Subject: Installing IDL 6.1 on debian linux 2
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Hello,

 Since so many people replied I felt like I had to give it a try -again-.

 First problem: installation from cdrom. Again I am confident they are doing something wrong, and it's not not a debian only issue:

 I have sudo power (no root password):

Attempt #1

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$ sudo su -
                                            Password:
testserver:~# cd /media/cdrom
testserver:/media/cdrom# ls
adobe apache flexlm info install xinstall.sh
testserver:/media/cdrom# sh xinstall.sh

        You cannot run the Motif-based installer because your DISPLAY
        environment variable is not defined correctly or you are not
        running X Windows. Please define your display environment
        and execute this script again from a machine running X Windows.

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-> First problem, xinstall requires you to be logged as root (X
session). There is no way a program can require such power (at least in
a non microsoft world).

Attempt #2

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testserver:/media/cdrom# logout
mathieu@testserver $ sudo sh xinstall.sh

  /media/cdrom
xinstall.sh: line 307: /media/cdrom/install/xinstall/xinstall.linux.x86:
Permission denied
xinstall.sh: line 307: /media/cdrom/install/xinstall/xinstall.linux.x86:
Success
 --- ----------
-> Nothing happen. I don't know what the install is looking for but I
have sudo power.

Attempt #3

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mathieu@testserver $ fakeroot sh xinstall.sh

  /media/cdrom
xinstall.sh: line 307: /media/cdrom/install/xinstall/xinstall.linux.x86:
Permission denied
xinstall.sh: line 307: /media/cdrom/install/xinstall/xinstall.linux.x86:
Success
 --- ----------
-> Same problem. Nothing happen.

Attempt #4
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mkdir /tmp/cdrom
cp -r /media/cdrom /tmp/cdrom
cd /tmp/cdrom
sudo sh xinstall.sh
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-> Ok finally replicating cdrom onto /tmp fixes the problem.

The scripts are using an old fashion way to decompress tarballs:

 zcat | tar xf -

Therefore everytime a file is decompressed it gives me an error.
For base1.tz, base2.tz, demo.tz, idl_help.tz, javab.tz
I get:
 tar: Read 6656 bytes from -

I am guessing the error is ignored, but it would be nice that this would
not be considered as an error.

TO BE CONTINUED...