In our office, we have tried Debian, RedHat/Fedora and Suse, and for
most application, the Suse package was found to work best. It may be
important to make sure you install something else than (a) a preset
config ('workstation', 'graphical software', or what they are all
called) or (b) a minimum config. Some of these 'lib missing' problems
simply disappeared when we'd install a full set of everything contained
in a Linux package (what's using up a bit of harddisk against using up
all of my time trying to find a certain little library file?). By and
large, we had less problems with missing files on Suse than on other
Linuxes - at least as far as IDL and The Gimp are concerned... Wolf.