
Subject: Continuing Linux Education

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Folks,

In the interest of sharing my (interesting) experience re-learning the UNIX operating system, I have a couple of questions.

I have managed to get Fedora Core 4 installed and dual-booting on my laptop. And I just installed IDL in the usual place, with an unremarkable setup, and I modified my .bashrc file, and now I can start IDL with a simple "idl" command. And I can start emacs and load a "pro" file, and it shows up in IDLMODE. Hurray!!

So I think I am golden, and start to work through the IDLWAVE tutorial, and pretty much *nothing* works as outlined there. I can't select the entire buffer with C-x h, my END doesn't change to ENDFOR when I position my cursor at the end of END and hit the space key, and--most particularly--C-c C-s tells me IDL can't be found. :-(

On the bright side, I can do a m-RET and get a real line break!

I feel like I am making some progress, but I am feeling more simpatico with my astronomer friends all the time. Any good ideas are welcome, and soon. I've already picked this computer up three times this afternoon with the intention of pitching it out the window, before good sense intervened. :-(

Cheers,

David

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