I am starting to appriciate my Windows machine at work. I get an IDL
CD, pop it into the drive, run the installation, point it to the
license file, and I'm done.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, I downloaded the IDL distro, unpacked it
and ./install-ed it (never mind that I could not do it by su -c
./install, because an "echo ..." statement in yesno script was causing
trouble, so I had to login as root).

Then my license file failed to impress the license manager (my platform
is i86_re, and my license was for i86_r). However (and THANK YOU RSI),
the license file in my account was updated to include i86_re, so I
downloaded that, and IDL runs.

But now, if I try to run an iTool, IDL complains about a missing
"libstdc++.so.5" file. It turns out that I have "libstdc++.so.6" file.
 Assuming (foolishly?) backward compatibility tried to trick IDL, I
created a soft link from .6 to .5.

No luck, since now I get a message GLIBCPP_3.2 is not found (recquired
by idl_xml.so).

If RSI were to drop linux/unix support, I may have an inkling why.

BTW, does anyone have any ideas how to proceed? My Unix programming
skills are close to zero (thanks to tools such as IDL).

Cheers,

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PS. Oh, and why am I installing IDL on Linux? Well, as the person
that makes the big bucks in our family, I get the crappy computer. My
wife has a dual-core Dell, daughters a 2.4GHz gateway, and I was handed
down an old (I am not going to admit to the processor speed) PC running
W98 (Second Edition), not supported anymore by RSI.

For my stuff, I really don't need super-fancy stuff. Heck, I did my
PhD on a 200MHz Alpha 11 years ago, and it was mostly IDL.

And now, if you excuse me, I'll go of into the sunset of irrelevance
and go practice my guitar:-)