
Subject: Re: LINUX IDL Install Help

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On Fri, 21 Jul 2006 10:28:12 -0700, David Fanning wrote:

> FişLDY Lajos wrote:

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>> if you mount the CDROM by clicking on an icon, this usually uses the
>> noexec flag for mount (so normal users get only restricted permission).

>> Try to mount manually (as root):

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>> mount -r -t iso9660 /dev/cdrom /mnt

>> cd /mnt

>> ./xinstall.sh or /bin/sh xinstall.sh

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> Ok, gentlemen, making progress. Although as always with LINUX, the pace is
> slow, really, really slow. (Who uses this stuff anyway?! I'd be off having
> dinner if I was a Mac user, I'm sure of it.) :-)

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> We can now run the script and the installation begins. We get to the stage
> where we are asked to select what we want installed. We just want the
> default,
> so all looks terrific and we hit the INSTALL button in front of us. We get
> this

> message:

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> /usr/local/rsi/idl_6.1/bin/post_unpack was not found. There may be
> errors...

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> The installation continues on a bit (unhelpfully, as it turns out) and
> even

> (eventually) reports that "IDL was successfully installed!". Ha! Alas,
> there

> is *nothing* installed in /usr/local/bin, which is where we were trying to
> install everything.

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> I know UNIX users are suppose to know this stuff, but, well...I'm working
> with scientists here. The UNIX knowledge among the whole lot of us would
> hardly fill a thimble, I'm afraid. :-(

IDL goes in /usr/local/rsi/idl_XX, by default, and makes links (if
requested) in /usr/local/bin. You could probably just do (as root):

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% ln -s /usr/local/rsi/idl/bin/idl /usr/local/bin/
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and be up and running.

