
Subject: Re: LINUX IDL Install Help

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FÖLDY 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):
>
> 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.) :-)

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.

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. :-(

Awaiting your, as ever, helpful replies...

Cheers,

David
