
Subject: sharable libraries with linux

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I'm considering purchasing a copy of IDL for linux but have one or two concerns about it in regards to linking to sharable libraries.

1. I notice that the demo version is in an a.out binary format. Most distributions of Linux are moving to an ELF binary format, making it somewhat tedious to work with IDL under linux.
2. Neither linkimage, nor call_external seem to be supported under linux, and the callable method of interacting with IDL (i.e. from a compiled C program) won't work because the demo doesn't come with any idl library to link against.

So my questions are these: Does RSI support ELF versions of linux, or do they intend to in the future, and is there something I've overlooked as far as getting additional code into the linux version of IDL.

TIA

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