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Subject: Re: IDL and SUSE Linux 11.0

Posted by [C.E. Ordonez](#) on Mon, 22 Sep 2008 17:16:19 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,  
>  
> Has anyone run IDL (any version) on a SUSE 11.0 version  
> of LINUX? It seems that all widget fonts are totally  
> screwed up. My new student intern is not greatly  
> impressed with IDL, although I fear this is a SUSE  
> font problem, not an IDL problem. Any light you can  
> shed will be appreciated.  
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> Cheers,  
>  
> David

I had this problem initially with IDL 7 and openSUSE 11 (x86\_64). ITTVIS support helped me resolve it with the procedure outline below (taken from an e-mail the support engineer, Fernando Santoro, sent me).

I must add that after applying package updates for openSUSE 11 from online repositories, IDL widget fonts behaved "normally" even without the use of the fix below.

Hope this helps.

-Caesar

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It seems that SUSE 11 is giving to Motif some default fonts that are working. We don't know why this is happening.

Could you try to select a different font?. For example:

1- Open IDL command line. Type:

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a=xfont()
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Now you will need to navigate without being able to see the names, but basically you can search for new fonts to experiment with fonts and pick a good default.2-

2- Put this in .Xdefaults file that is located in your home directory. Include in that file the following line:

Idl\*fontList: <fontname>

where <fontname> is the font name that you selected in point 1.

If you find difficult to find a font using point 1, could you try to type the following in your .Xdefault file?:

Idl\*fontList: -adobe-courier-bold-o-normal--10-100-75-75-m-60-iso8859-9

Let me know if anything of these works for you. Thank you.

Kind regards,

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