
Subject: Re: IDL Virtual Machine Woes

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 18 Nov 2008 19:21:18 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

- > OK, I have been told by the folks at ITTVIS that they have no
- > problem with me creating my own VM distributions and making them
- > available on a public place for download. I'm ready to do this because
- > I'm on the verge of losing my job after spending a GREAT deal of time
- > trying to get a CD to work.

OK, I have in my grubby little hands, just this moment,
a CD that runs my application on MAC, WINDOWS, and LINUX
machines. Hooray!

The problem, if you can believe this, is that I was using
KDE's graphical file tools to move files around, extract
them, etc. Apparently, this is NOT recommended if you want
things to work correctly. When I started moving the files
around and untarring them with the command line tar command,
everything worked pretty much as I expected it to work.

Whew! What a long, frustrating couple of weeks! :-(

Cheers,

David

P.S. I still have the question, though, of how to package
up the IDL Virtual Machine so someone can download it from
a web page and set it up properly to run a program. And by
"someone" I mean someone with no particular knowledge of their
computer, just a scientist or IDL expert, someone like
that. :-(

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
