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Subject: IDL Virtual Machine Woes

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Folks,

I hate to bother you again with this unending saga, but I've been working three weeks now to create a CD that will run my IDL application on a Windows, UNIX, and Macintosh machine and I am still without joy.

Yes, I *\*can\** follow directions, but unlike the set-up in the IDL documentation, my binaries are not all on the same network. In fact, I have three separate machines, at three corners of a triangle with sides that can be measured in miles (45 miles for one leg of the triangle). That seems to be complicating things for me.

I have been able to produce a CD that can run on Windows and UNIX machines, and another than can run on Windows and Macintosh machines, but so far not a single CD (and God knows when I bought 100 I thought I had enough!) that can run on all three.

Can someone provide *\*explicit\** directions on how to do this?

I *\*presume\** the problem comes when I try to transfer the files to/from the Mac and Linux machines. (No problem with Windows, as always. :-)

I wish to burn these CDs on a Linux machine, so I have been trying to get the entire CD distribution on the Linux machine. When I transfer the Mac bits and pieces to Linux (with a memory stick), the resulting CD does not run on Macs (a window opens and closes too fast for me to figure out what the error is).

If I tar up the Mac distribution and transfer that to the Linux box, I get complaints from my Linux machine to the effect that when it encountered the apple script stuff, it expected a file and ran into a folder, do I want to SKIP this. My choices are abort the transfer or skip, so I skip.

So, .... any ideas?

I'm about to go with the idea of just putting my save file on the CD and directions that say, in effect, go get your own damn IDL Virtual Machine! And good luck doing it!

But I still have the tiniest bit of hope I can somehow get this to work.

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming ([www.dfanning.com](http://www.dfanning.com))

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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