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Subject: Re: idl workbench on linux does not support 64 bits  
Posted by [C.E. Ordonez](#) on Wed, 14 Jan 2009 02:39:11 GMT  
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Giorgio wrote:

> Hi Folks,  
> I am installing idl on ubuntu 8.10. The command line program works  
> correctly for the 64 bits in memory. However the idlde workbench does  
> not. Has anyone faced this before? I contacted the support on the itt  
> company and seems that idlde was build by 32 machines only.  
> This will show up if you type  
> help, !version, /structure  
> and it will show if it has 32 or 64 bits for managing the memory.  
>  
> Giorgio

Check <https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/+source/util-linux/+bug/148511>

This is due to a missing "/bin/arch" command in Ubuntu 8.10. The Linux section in the "idlde" script in \$IDL\_DIR/bin uses this command (/bin/arch) to test if running 32- or 64-bit version. The best solution proposed was to create a /bin/arch script (executable) containing the following two lines:

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#!/bin/bash
uname -m
```

It worked for me.

-Caesar

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