Subject: Re: IDL on openSUSE
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On Feb 27, 3:48 am, Reimar Bauer <R.Ba...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:
> Nigel Wade schrieb:
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>> I'm currently in the process of setting up a new analysis computer which
>> requires IDL. I had hoped to use CentOS (RedHat) 5.2, because that's what I'm
>> used to and I know IDL works.
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>> However, the installation is proving troublesome because the CentOS/RedHat
>> installer doesn't like the graphics card/monitor combination, so I have to
>> install in text mode. This makes configuring the disks as LVM on RAID rather,
>> how shall I put it, bothersome.
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>> I've tried an OpenSUSE installer and that doesn't appear to have any problems
>> with the graphics/monitor and provides a nice installation setup. But I have no
>> experience of using IDL on OpenSUSE. So, has anyone every tried using IDL on
>> OpenSUSE (specifically 64bit)? Does it work? Are there any gotchas I need to be
>> aware of?
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> yeah I have and do play a bit with idl7.0.3.
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> Most of us do use idl 6.4 and we decided to wait for 7.1. Some of us
> believes that there was no major improvement since 6.2 for our work
> based on idl. While we all the time payed lots of money. (Well we forced
> them to upgrade netCDF)
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> Don't talk about installing of idl. It is since years only copying.
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> As a major improvement instead of extending libs for us I would also
> accept that they provide deb and rpm packages which can be easily
> installed and updated.
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> If you follow other threads on this list you will see lot's of problems
> which are based on incompatible libs. A package installer will tell
> these problems beforehand. Or it will hold back updates until those
> problems were fixed.
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> cheers
> Reimar

Where I work the vast majority of the machines are running on
openSuse. Also, just about everyone uses IDL (6.4), with no trouble.
Of course I wasn't the one that installed IDL on all of these
computers, so I can't tell you if there were any gotcha's there.
Certainly though running it is trouble free, and has been for many

years.