
Subject: Re: IDL on openSUSE

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Nigel Wade schrieb:

- > 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.

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)

Don't talk about installing of idl. It is since years only copying.

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.

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.

cheers
Reimar
