## Subject: IDL installation tip for Linux
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Again, I try to install IDL in a clean system (in this case Fedora
12), and again I wonder when IDL will have a decent Linux installer
(preferably using some packaging system), or at least give error
messages telling why it is not working.

In this particular instance, the symptom was that calling idlde
results in nothing at first sight: no error messages, no log files, no
dialogs, no asking for the workspace, just a brief pause before
returning to the command line. On further inspection, it only creates
a skeleton  IDLWorkspace71 directory (without ever asking for the
worskpace to use).

What fixes it for me, which may come useful to some of you, is Adobe
Reader. Many times I found that installing the Reader with a package
manager (Adobe has a Fedora repository) gets as dependencies a bunch
of X libraries, apparently several of which are also used by IDL.