On 1/13/10 5:22 PM, pp wrote:
> On Jan 13, 9:37 pm, Robbie<ret...@iinet.net.au> wrote:
>> So are these dependancies missing from the packaged version of java
>> in /usr/local/itt/idl/idlde/bin.linux.x86/jre/bin
>>
>> Would it be a non-trivial exercise for the next version of IDL to
>> interrogate all packaged shared objects before starting java?
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> I do not know where the dependencies originate. But IDL definitely
> needs a better installer, capable of figuring out if there are any
> missing dependencies. The nonuniformity of Linux distributions is no
> excuse, since there are several proprietary applications that have
> much easier installation. A few common examples:
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> 1) Acrobat and Skype. Both share many dependencies with IDL, as I
> mentioned in this thread.
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> 2) Intel's compilers and VTune. Both use Eclipse.
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> 3) Sun's Java, Netbeans and compiler Studio.
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> 4) Google Earth and Opera.
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> Of those, Acrobat and Skype provide repositories for Fedora (and I
> guess other distributions too), while the rest provide either rpm
> packages or install scripts that do a much better job than IDL's.

I agree that IDL definitely needs a better Linux installer.

One other small suggestion: don't name installer "install"! This causes
all manner of odd problems with conflicts between it and
/usr/bin/install. It should be "install_idl" or something.

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