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Subject: Re: IDL installation tip for Linux

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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
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- > Would it be a non-trivial exercise for the next version of IDL to
- > interrogate all packaged shared objects before starting java?

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:

1) Acrobat and Skype. Both share many dependencies with IDL, as I mentioned in this thread.

2) Intel's compilers and VTune. Both use Eclipse.

3) Sun's Java, Netbeans and compiler Studio.

4) Google Earth and Opera.

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.

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