Subject: Re: idl for linux

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In article <32D64D99.3131B9F1@bermuda.ucd.ie>, Matt Delaney wrote:

- > I am an UNIX IDL user, but am interested in purchasing IDL for LINUX.
- > Does the LINUX version run a license manager? My supplier has quoted me
- > a price for a LINUX IDL installation, but didn't know the technical
- > details about number of user restrictions, etc. Do you have to buy
- > individual user licenses?

No user restrictions, but it is a single node installation. No license manager either. You use the genver program and call up RSI technical support to get a number of the day. After this it will work for 180 days, and I guess you can call tech support again after this time is up to get another 180 days. Supposedly this problem will be gone in 5.0.

Some caveats to IDL for Linux:

When I reboot my clock does not get set correctly, and unless I reset the clock before running IDL, it balks when I try to start it. Also, CALL_EXTERNAL does not work for the Linux version.

FWIW- I have been having good success the last few weeks running IDL 4.0.1 on my Linux box with RedHat4.0 and kernel 2.0.27.

Good luck.

Alan