Alan E. Munter wrote:

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> 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.
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> 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.
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> Good luck.
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> Alan

I've also had good success with IDL 4.0.1 on Linux. In fact I get
time_test results of 3.73 on my PentiumPro 200MHz machine. See the
Windows NT thread for a comparison where someone is getting 4.0. These
are some of the fastest times I've seen, and that includes the latest HP
workstations costing many times (if not orders of magnitude) more.

Has anyone made a more complete comparison? Is the fast time because of
the better integer performance on the PentiumPro and because IDL is
interpreted????

David