Subject: IDLnetURL Object Not Loading
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Folks,

I have written a pretty slick little lidar browser to work with Mabel data. One nice feature of the browser is that it uses the Google Static Map API interface to request, download, and display a Google map of the area underneath the lidar track. You can get various types of Google maps, but the Terrain and Satellite maps give us the best idea of what the lidar track is going over.

I obtain the Google map by building a URL and sending it over the Internet with the IDLnetURL object. This works extremely well, and is surprisingly fast. (Well, it takes about as long to display a regular map in the function graphics system.) Unfortunately, it is this IDLnetURL object that is giving me trouble.

On our LINUX system, running IDL 8.0.1, I get a message that the IDL_URL dynamically linked object can't be loaded. This seems to be caused by a missing(or misplaced?) curl function. Does anyone know if this is a known problem in this version of IDL? Or, doesn't anyone know if there is anything I can do on the LINUX side of things to fix the problem?

Our idea is to make this Lidar Browser available to the public. But, I need to solve this last problem before we do so. Thanks for any help you can give.

Cheers,

David