
Subject: Re: Installing IDL on ubuntu
Posted by [bstecklu](#) on Sat, 29 Dec 2012 10:19:37 GMT
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rbaena wrote:

> Hi,
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> I am experiencing the same problem when installing IDL 6.0 on Ubuntu 12.04.
> When I type in a terminal "idlde" the startup IDL screen disappears after a
> while and nothing afterwards.
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> I have installed libraries libstdc++.so.6 and libX11.so.6 and typed in
> .bashrc the line
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> export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=3D/usr/lib/i386-linux-gnu/
>
> as suggested in the previous post but it did not work.
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> Something else I can try? Thanks!
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> rbaena --
> <http://compgroups.net/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/installing-idl-on-ubuntu/1106391>
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The instruction of the previous post to define "export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=3D(the path of the two files)" means to replace "3D(the path of the two files)" by the full name of the folder which contains the libraries.

Normally, they should reside in default directories (/usr/lib or /usr/local/lib) which makes the definition of LD_LIBRARY_PATH unnecessary since these paths are searched by the run-time linker anyway.

If you put them elsewhere try the following from the command line, assuming "/usr/local/idl/lib" contains the two shared libraries

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LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/idl/lib; idlde
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If this works change the export command in .bashrc accordingly and save .bashrc. Then open a new terminal, and type "idlde" again.

Regards, Bringfried
