Subject: Re: Memory needed for IDL/Linux?
Posted by pit on Fri, 04 Apr 1997 08:00:00 GMT

In article <3343F961.5F09@ssec.wisc.edu>,
 Liam Gumley <liam.gumley@ssec.wisc.edu> writes:
> I'm looking into buying a laptop which to run IDL under Linux. Does
> anyone have a recommendation on the amount of memory I should get? I'm
> thinking that at least 64 MB would be appropriate.
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> Cheers,
> Liam.

Depends on what you are doing. My home system has 32MB, and that is
fine for most of my home-projects (astronomical image processing).
Depending on what additional programs you run parallel to IDL (editors
etc), approx. all memory above ~14MB will be for your IDL session.
I rarely have sessions above 40MB of RAM at work.

I've even done scientific work (image processing, time series analysis)
on a 12MB notebook. OK, that was no fun, as it was heavily swapping,
but no real problems.

In short, 64MB should be OK for most applications.

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