
Subject: Re: ANY LINUX IDL USERS?

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John-David T. Smith (jdsmith@astrosun.tn.cornell.edu) wrote:

: Hey Folks:

: Does anyone have experience running LINUX IDL? Any inconsistencies or
: problems? Insufficient RSI support? Etc.?

We have a dozen or so Linux boxes running IDL (4.0). The only complaint is that we (read I) have to constantly redo the license, since they are using the old genver scheme with a temporary license which expires every 180 days. That may not seem bad for you, but it can be a pain. Version 5 is supposed to fix this problem and allow real licenses, including floating licenses, which will be a great thing from management standpoint.

There are some small things not supported under Linux, but that really hasn't been a problem. The our main programmers do much of their IDL programming on Linux running on laptops. This is MUCH better than trying to do the conversion to MS Windows.

We haven't had any support problems. When I do call about things (like it's time to renew some licenses) they are quick to respond.

- Tony Ferro

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