
Subject: Re: IDL LINUX support question
Posted by [newt](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2001 02:48:10 GMT
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-Steve S.

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Posted by [Randall Skelton](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2001 16:19:37 GMT
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While I haven't tested it exhaustively, I haven't had any troubles running IDL 5.3 under FreeBSD using linux emulation. Numerically, the calculations appear ok and I haven't had any problems with direct/object graphics. You will need to modify the startup IDL script which uses 'uname' to locate the IDL binary. Otherwise, follow the advice in the FreeBSD handbook chapter 20.

http://www.freebsd.org/doc/en_US.ISO8859-1/books/handbook/linuxemu.html

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