
Subject: Re: IDL on mandrake 8

Posted by [bhautikj](#) on Mon, 11 Mar 2002 05:07:44 GMT

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Hi Simon,

I've got IDL working on a Redhat 7.1 box (which, as far as I know, isn't too distantly related to the Mandrake 8 distro) and the only problems I've had are with X (yay!!) and setting paths. I think you have to make sure the correct environment variables are set for IDL (I'll be darned if I can remember them though).

If you are getting all sorts of X compatibility problems, I suggest you get the latest XFree86 drivers (you can grab them off the aarnet mirror at <http://mirror.aarnet.edu.au/pub/XFree86/> - it should download ludicrous speed* if you are connected at usyd). I suggest you use the Xinstall.sh script (dead easy).

If none of this helps - what are the specific library problems? Any specific error messages?

Cheers,
Bhautik

* 'You have the ring, and I see your Schwartz is as big as mine.'

Subject: Re: IDL on mandrake 8

Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Mon, 11 Mar 2002 10:47:13 GMT

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Simon O'Toole wrote:

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> Thanks in advance,

> Simon
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I don't have your specific setup, but I run 5.2.1 on RH 7.2. I know there were problems with 5.1 as it was a libc5 application so you needed a libc5 runtime installed. I don't have 5.2 so I can't check on that specific version.

Can you give is more detailed info on the problems you are having?

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