Subject: RSI Red Hat Linux Info
Posted by Research Systems Inc. on Tue, 02 Dec 2003 18:43:58 GMT
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http://www.rsinc.com/survey/index.asp?wid=763369&sid=73

Thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Staley
IDL Technical Product Manager
RSI

Subject: Re: RSI Red Hat Linux Info
Posted by JD Smith on Wed, 03 Dec 2003 21:58:44 GMT
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On Tue, 02 Dec 2003 11:43:58 -0700, RSI Information wrote:

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This FAQ lists the points of exposure for IDL to the underlyling
OS, which included the C library, the compiler, the kernel

version, and presumably all the tools used in the rsi/idl/bin/ shell
scripts.

In decreasing order of importance, these are:

1. C library: This is a big dependency for most packages, so care is
usually taken to prevent egregious breakage. Witness IDL6.0
binary compatibility with RH 7.1,7.2,...,8.0,9.0.

2. gcc: Aside from compiling IDL, the compiler is used only for
MAKE_DLL, which is not guaranteed to work without further setup
anyway. Not a big point of exposure.

3. kernel: Shared memory and vagaries of memory management might be
indicated, but these features already vary from system to system far
more than they do from kernel version to kernel version, and the
documentation warns about these variances already.

4. /bin/sh and other tools: These have been stable for a long time,
and, with care, shell scripts which have next to no system dependence
can be written. It's quite likely the scripts are already completely
system-independent, since they've had to work with so many flavors of
Unix over the years.

Since it's relatively easy to check what version of these 4 categories
are present (with #4 being hardest to check, but really a non-issue),
I still think RSI could, without actually installing and testing every
Linux distribution, compose a list indicating which
distributions/versions satisfy these basic conditions -- i.e. a
"should work, but tell us if it doesn't" category.

JD

Subject: Re: RSI Red Hat Linux Info
Posted by R.Bauer on Fri, 05 Dec 2003 08:51:50 GMT
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Reimar

Subject: Re: RSI Red Hat Linux Info
Posted by Nigel Wade on Mon, 08 Dec 2003 10:55:00 GMT
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Reimar Bauer wrote:

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Same here.

Maybe I did it in while I wasn't looking ;-)

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Thanks,

Stephanie

"Nigel Wade" <nmw@ion.le.ac.uk> wrote in message
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Subject: Re: RSI Red Hat Linux Info
Posted by Ben Panter on Tue, 09 Dec 2003 13:58:00 GMT
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Which does the same again... (mozilla)

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Ben Panter, Edinburgh
My name (no spaces)@bigfoot which is a com.

Subject: Re: RSI Red Hat Linux Info
Posted by Pertti Rautiainen on Tue, 09 Dec 2003 15:10:41 GMT
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Ben Panter <See@the_end.not> wrote:

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: Which does the same again... (mozilla)

And Mozilla Firebird, my favourite browser. However, no problems with
Opera.

Pertti Rautiainen

Subject: Re: RSI Red Hat Linux Info
Posted by marcuirl on Tue, 09 Dec 2003 18:53:02 GMT
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Pertti Rautiainen <pertti@sun3.oulu.fi> writes:

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> And Mozilla Firebird, my favourite browser. However, no problems with
> Opera.

Not with Mozilla 1.1

Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686; en-US; rv:1.1) Gecko/20020827

works fine!

marcu
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Posted by Andry William Ratsima[1] on Tue, 09 Dec 2003 22:15:39 GMT
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I decided I will remove www.rsinc.com cookies before going to the
survey page again.
I was, then, able to fill the form. The only problem is that if I
come back to the survey page again, I seem to be able to re-submit
a new form ???

(BTW, I am using mozilla 1.0.1 on a Red Hat 8.0 linux).

Andry