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Subject: Re: GUI Builder limited to Windows platform (LONG)

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"Pete Riley" <uk2@scibernet.com> writes:

> On your remarks about platform independence, when I first used IDL (version  
> 1) it only came in VMS flavour ....not very platform independent!

Actually, I remember using IDL on a PDP/11, before we got our first VAX. I  
guess that must have been version 0. ;^]

> And, strictly speaking IDL is not really platform independent - they only  
> provide versions for most of the common operating systems.

You're right, of course. However, with a little bit of care, it's actually not  
all that hard to write code that works on all the platforms that IDL supports.  
I've come to expect that we can distribute code to an international community  
using a wide variety of different computers, without having to distribute  
different versions for different architectures. I think we should commend RSI  
on the number of things that do work across platforms.

William Thompson

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