Subject: Re: Alpha/UNIX rehosting question
Posted by m218003 on Fri, 12 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT
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In article <80efte$nl2$1@nnrp1.deja.com>,
 wbiagiot@suffolk.lib.ny.us writes:
> Hi IDL community,
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> In the near term, I might be faced with porting my IDL application from
> a Win95/98 platform over to an Alpha/UNIX combination. [...][/color]

One could perhaps say that the amount of time you need to port from one
platform to the other is inversily proportional to the speed with which
you have written the program in the first place. Quick hacks tend to
make many assumptions which can be platform specific (such as
if !D.Name eq 'WIN' ... rather than e.g. if (!D.Flags AND 256) gt 0)
and they tend to contain far less comments ;-)

As great as it is how much we can do with IDL, sometimes I wish the
dveloper would not have to be aware of things like color depth or
file path conventions. Didn't "they" promise us about 10 years ago that
by now computers would program themselves?

BTW: it doesn't hurt Windows when you use '/' instead of '\'.

Cheers,
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