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Subject: Re: IDL for linux on Macintosh ppc  
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It always amazes me to see companies who have a product that runs on "Linux 6.0 or later" (vs. a kernel version number). And it amazes me even more to see companies (like RSI) who support only one distro.

RedHat version x.y doesn't mean sooo much standardization. Is it KDE, Gnome, plain X? Is lesstif installed? How is the kernel configured? Etc.

Why is it that Wolfram can get Mathematica to run on any distro? Why is it that Statcorp can get Stata to run on any distro --- and also supports Linux/PPC? And I would not be surprised to see Stata for Linux/SPARC or Linux/Alpha.

It seems to me that companies vary in their commitment to Linux and the ones with low commitment come up with whatever excuse is convenient to justify their stance.

Someone from SAS told me that Linux is not commercially viable, so no SAS for Linux. So tell me, what do they know at SAS that IBM, Compaq, SGI, Oracle, etc., don't?

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