Dick Jackson wrote:

> Does anyone else agree that PC and Unix IDL users *also* benefit from the
> fact that IDL reaches to the Mac platform? To my mind, knowing that code I
> develop on PC can (in general) run on Mac as well adds value to my work, and
> I'd think it reasonable to consider some of PC and Unix licence/maintenance
> fees as going to support Mac development.
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Well, _I_ certainly agree. I did exactlythat last week. Wrote up a quick and dirty image proc
procedure for some calibration work on my Powerbook and ported it over to an HP system for use
there. Took just a few minutes. No question that multiple environments can and do benefit from
one
another. So as long as you're not a dyed-in-the-wool Anti-Mac-er, other platform users comments
to
RSI will almost certainly add additional weight.

And another thought. What other platforms would RSI/Kodak consider so marginal that having
one
dedicated programmer and associated soft/hardware resources for development would be
considered a
bad business risk?

I've sent my feelings to both RSI and Kodak, trying to explain (among other things) why I think the
decision was plain Bad Business. It was only pebble in the pond, but how else can you start
making a
wave?

Noam