
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

Posted by [Randall Skelton](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2001 16:49:21 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

On Tue, 9 Oct 2001, JD Smith wrote:

> I for one am significantly re-evaluating my future use of IDL as a
> consistent cross-platform solution, and I would urge you to do the same,
> and at the very least let RSI/Kodak know if their careless and negligent
> business practices have affected you.

I'm with you. The handling of this was absolutely terrible and while I can understand that tough business decisions are needed in time of difficult economics, RSI should have (at a minimum) made a formal announcement to their Macintosh users. As per my last message, I am have halted my IDL development as a direct result of this. Moreover, I am urging our VMS/linux/Macintosh department users (site license of 100+) to reconsider our allegiance to RSI/Kodak. I give a talk on atmospheric retrieval simulations on Thursday and had planned to use IDL to do it interactively... I've since made transparencies and obscured the fonts to ensure that nobody knows it was originally done with IDL. Student exercises were originally going to be done using IDL but I am now in the process of converting scripts/functions into Matlab (the folks at Mathworks were happy to give me a demo license for the 50+ lab computers). In short, I'm really ticked off about this!

This may be one of the last times I am able to thank you, David, Pavel, Craig and Jim P. for helping to explain IDL over the past year-- and to think, I was just starting to understand IDL objects...

Cheers,
Randall
