
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

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JD Smith wrote:

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> I have it directly from former RSI/Kodak developer Thierry Faucounau
> (the sole Mac IDL developer), that this was a political/business
> decision, and that the OSX release was well on track, with no impeding
> technical hurdles. He was recently relieved of his position in concert
> with this apparently hastily-made decision.

I heard from Thierry, too. He is indeed THE expert on the Mac IDL, and more than once casually solved problems I was facing, just by a one-line email message. I have indications that OSX version has had advancements over other platforms in widget implementation and many other aspects. It would be nice if RSI at least, just out of respect to Thierry, released the beta he has created, to let people see what they could have had. Oh, licensing? Release it as a 7-second demo mode, of course :-(
I do have IDL on Unix and W2K, too, but this move makes me hesitant about proceeding with using it. I will probably keep using IDL on my Macs, too. But my news posts will be getting outdated version wise pretty soon.

Pavel
