Subject: Re: Mac OSX
Posted by Ian Dean on Tue, 09 Oct 2001 08:28:53 GMT

Richard Adams wrote:

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> Dear All,
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>   Word here on the street is that despite early announcements of support
> for OSX there is now doubt that it will be supported. This must surely mean
> the end of IDL on the Macintosh. I for one - with a lab full of Macs and an
> admittedly small but growing number of IDL licences - think this is major
> bad news. The potential of an adult operating system (OSX/unix) and a great
> analysis environment (IDL) looked like a rosy future for our work. Am I the
> only one who thinks that dropping Mac support would be a bad move? If others
> feel the same then should we at least lobby for continued support for
> Macintosh computers?

Don't forget all the VMS users out here who have to stay with 5.4 or
move to another platform.
This is really upsetting for us, as we are about to start a new project
that would take advantage of a huge amount of IDL code from other
projects.

So we either continue with IDL 5.4 and reduce the development time (not
a popular option to use out of date software), or
we develop our software in some other language(as yet undefined) this
means re-inventing the wheel and will likely result in an overspend in
the development phase of the project (no popular either!!)

It also means that we have to live with the
bugs/shortcomings/undesirable features in 5.4. RSI have agreed that such
effects exist, but we have to live with them, because they will only be
fixed at the enct release which we will not be getting.

Sorry for the rant...
I'm not a happy bunny...

Regards,
 Ian