
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2001 17:12:53 GMT

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In article <9psjm1\$Ifn\$1@mwrns.noaa.gov>, Pavel Romashkin
<pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov> wrote:

> "Richard Adams" <r.j.adams@bath.ac.uk> wrote in message

> news:B7E745FF.24FCE%r.j.adams@bath.ac.uk...

>> 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.

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> Who told you that? I have heard a totally opposite thing: OSX verion is

> going to be the major release of IDL for Macs, and it will fully utilize the

> Velocity engine.

I went looking for the RSI press release from last spring announcing OS
X support, but it seems to have disappeared from their web page. Then
I found the "What's New in IDL 5.5" page.

<http://www.rsinc.com/idl/whatsnew.cfm>

Buried at the bottom is a table of current and future support and the
following note:

NOTE: RSI will be unable to provide IDL on the MAC OS X platform as
previously planned.

This is really a disaster for us. We have purchased new Macs based on
RSI's previous press release promising OS X support. I am extremely
disappointed that they are breaking their promise, but I expect that we
are simply screwed.

How about at least providing us with a Mac version that will run from
the command line on OS X (using X-Windows)? That should be a
relatively straightforward port.

Ken Bowman
