
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

Posted by [Richard Adams](#) on Wed, 10 Oct 2001 12:56:19 GMT

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Randall,

Matthew Powell's letter to the newsgroup yesterday was very clear. Version 5.5 of IDL will be the last to run on Macs and it will be limited to Systems 8.6/9.x. Unclear if it will run under Classic mode in OSX. From that point on IDL is a dead language on Macs.

Richard.

> From: Randall Skelton <rhskelto@atm.ox.ac.uk>
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> The RSI page (<http://www.rsinc.com/idl/whatsnew.cfm>) is not particularly
> clear on what operating systems will be supported or perhaps I have just
> misinterpreted the newsgroup comments to mean that 'IDL for the Mac is
> dead.'
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> For example, the image: <http://www.rsinc.com/img/idl/PlatformTable.jpg>
> suggests that IDL 5.5 will be available for OS 8.6,9.x. Can anyone
> confirm that this is the case?
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> Also, under the heading of 'Plans for Future Platform Support' MacOS 8.6,
> 9.x remain listed. This seems rather odd given Apple's rapid migration to
> OS X.
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> There appears to be little arguing with the statement that, 'RSI will be
> unable to provide IDL on the MAC OS X platform as previously planned'
> listed on this page. I know if I have already bought a license for IDL
> under the pretense of OS X support, I would be seeking a refund.
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> Does anyone know if IDL works under classic running on OS X? Also, does
> anyone know if the Carbon API is considered 'static' or is it as dynamic
> as it was during the spring? Could this be the cause of the halted port?
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> Cheers,
> Randall
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> On Wed, 10 Oct 2001, Reimar Bauer wrote:
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>> last year I met David Stern in Darmstadt. This was before the idl5.4

>> release.
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>> At this time I was informed that idl5.4 for AIX will be the last
>> Version. One of the reasons is the migration from IBM to linux.
>> I remember that several times it was discussed how difficulty
>> it is to support more and more platforms or older and older
>> platforms.
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>> We ourselves are in a process to migrate from AIX to linux PCs
>> too so this statement was bad for us but not as bad as it could be.
>> Then with the idl5.4 release installed on AIX everytime idl
>> was started we got a message that this is the last supported
>> version for AIX.
>> We and I believe some more others asked them to build IDL5.5 for
>> AIX too and you are seeing the result. IDL5.5 will be build
>> for AIX too.
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>> There was no discussion about AIX and IDL in this newsgroup as
>> I remember. I hope you all give your arguments to RSI too.
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>> regards
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>> read something about linux / windows
>> <http://www.suse.de/de/news/hotnews/MS.html>
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