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.'

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?

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.

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.

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?

Cheers,
Randall

On Wed, 10 Oct 2001, Reimar Bauer wrote:

> 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 ourselfs are in a process to migrate from AIX to linux PCs
> too so this statement was bad for us but not as bas 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 builded
> 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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