"K. Bowman" wrote:
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> A few points on the Mac OS X issue (that I am also making to RSI).
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> 1. Due to steadily improving price/performance ratios, I expect that
> we will continue to move away from proprietary Unix solutions (SGI,
> Sun, IBM, DEC ... I mean Compaq) to Linux and Mac OS. I was planning
> to *convert Unix licenses to Mac licenses*.
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> 2. I am now concerned that Linux, AIX, IRIX, etc. versions of IDL will
> also disappear (with no warning), perhaps one at a time, and that we
> will be left with only a Windows version. I would guess that AIX and
> IRIX will be the first to go. If that seems unlikely to you, consider
> RSI's public statements of Mac support. Their about face is so blatant
> that I am not inclined to have confidence in future RSI statements of
> direction. (We have no history with Windows here, and I expect that we
> would switch tools before we would switch to Windows.)

Dear Ken

last year I met David Stern in Darmstadt. This was before the idl5.4
release.

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.

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.

There was no discussion about AIX and IDL in this newsgroup as
I remember. I hope you all give your arguments to RSI too.

regards

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