
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2001 20:58:39 GMT

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Randall Skelton wrote:

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> On Tue, 9 Oct 2001, JD Smith wrote:
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>> I for one am significantly re-evaluating my future use of IDL as a
>> consistent cross-platform solution, and I would urge you to do the same,
>> and at the very least let RSI/Kodak know if their careless and negligent
>> business practices have affected you.
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> I'm with you. The handling of this was absolutely terrible and while I
> can understand that tough business decisions are needed in time of
> difficult economics, RSI should have (at a minimum) made a formal
> announcement to their Macintosh users. As per my last message, I am have
> halted my IDL development as a direct result of this. Moreover, I am
> urging our VMS/linux/Macintosh department users (site license of 100+) to
> reconsider our allegiance to RSI/Kodak. I give a talk on atmospheric
> retrieval simulations on Thursday and had planned to use IDL to do it
> interactively... I've since made transparencies and obscured the fonts to
> ensure that nobody knows it was originally done with IDL. Student
> exercises were originally going to be done using IDL but I am now in the
> process of converting scripts/functions into Matlab (the folks at
> Mathworks were happy to give me a demo license for the 50+ lab computers).
> In short, I'm really ticked off about this!
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> This may be one of the last times I am able to thank you, David, Pavel,
> Craig and Jim P. for helping to explain IDL over the past year-- and to
> think, I was just starting to understand IDL objects...

Here's a funny quote from one of the topmost linked stories on the
rsinc.com webpage, titled: "IDL Helps Teach Children With Hands-On
Universe":

Dr. Pennypacker knew he needed a powerful application that was
simple enough for even a kindergartner to use, and was based on
technology that is well-supported, highly extensible and
compatible with both PCs and Macs. He selected IDL...

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What hath pointy-head marketoids wrought?

JD
