On Wed, 10 Oct 2001 19:21:50 GMT,
Dick Jackson <dick@d-jackson.com> wrote:
> "Colin Rosenthal" <colinr@toliman.uio.no> wrote in message
> news:9q1d2o$61m$1@readme.uio.no...
>>  On Tue, 09 Oct 2001 17:44:57 GMT,
>>  Dick Jackson <dick@d-jackson.com> wrote:
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>>> Does anyone else agree that PC and Unix IDL users *also* benefit from the
>>> fact that IDL reaches to the Mac platform? To my mind, knowing that code
> I
>>> develop on PC can (in general) run on Mac as well adds value to my work,
> and
>>> I'd think it reasonable to consider some of PC and Unix
> licence/maintenance
>>> fees as going to support Mac development.
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>>  Absolutely. I don't use a Mac myself but I share code with colleagues who
> do.
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> This leads, of course, to the corollary that RSI is not just dropping the
> Mac platform, but are then *diminishing* the power of the IDL product they
> continue to sell for PC/Unix! I wonder how much they'll reduce our
> licence/maintenance fees to account for this... :-/

Not to mention undermining the confidence of people running IDL on virtually
every other platform, many of whom must be wondering "who's next?".

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