
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

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> Talking on the phone with RSI gave me the impression that we better get
> all back to our own business. Forget it. They said they *will not even
> look* into keeping Mac (and those other rejects) supported. So, it is a
> done deal. And, from what they indicated, dropping these platforms was
> necessary to *keep IDL afloat*. You guess what this may mean :-(
>
> Cheers, Pavel

Pavel,

My phone conversations with both a tech and a sales rep indicated to me the opposite. If there's a real outcry - from mac users, perhaps the whole IDL community, there may be a chance. RSI is apparently now a house divided. Neither the tech nor sales staff new about this much than we did and

were caught flatfooted even today when I called to complain. _I_ had to give the sales rep I talked to the _RSI_ Mac FAQ's URL. I don't blame the rep.

If the IDL community as a whole sees this cut as a herald of the death of IDL/RSI cross platform utility despite the offers of help and apparent inanity of the "business decision" IDL, and RSI itself will probably be looking at viability problems in the not too distant future.

I think the decision is _so_ stupid and self destructive to IDL and RSI, that we stand a real chance of changing their minds. Maybe I'm naive. Maybe the split at RSI is strong enough that enough techs/writers will get disgusted and split off PV-Wave/IDL style to create a mac-IDL company. One can only dream.

Noam

BTW- What _is_ the story with PV-Wave? This newsgroup is for both IDL and Wave. Did wave abandon Mac long ago? Are they an alternative?
