
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

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gschneider@mac.com (Glenn Schneider) writes:

- > The recent turn-about by RSI (now Kodak) has hit us hard.
- > Here is an email I sent to RSI about this. I urge other
- > Mac platform IDL users to follow suit:

Hey, why only Mac platform users! This concerns all of us, if we're at all interested in collaborating with other people on one or more of the *FOUR* platforms that are being dropped:

- > These will be the last versions to support the following platforms:
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- > Apple Macintosh
- > Compaq Alpha Linux
- > Compaq Alpha Tru64 Unix
- > Sun Intel x86 Solaris

Below is a copy of my email to both Matthew Powell <mpowell@rsinc.com>, and info@rsinc.com:

Mr. Powell, and others,

I write this in response to the posting of October 8 on the comp.lang.idl-pvwave newsgroup regarding the discontinuation of support for four different platforms. I am not currently an active user of any of those platforms, but I am affiliated with/collaborate with people and institutions using IDL on *all* of the four discontinued platforms.

Although your revenue from licenses to these platforms may be small, even smaller than the cost of supporting each one, I believe your business decision is misguided. One of IDL's biggest selling points up to now has been its platform independence. In the long run, I believe the total loss of revenue due to this decision will be much larger than the current revenue from those platforms alone. There may not be any competitor standing by to take over your business in the immediate future, but this decision makes IDL very vulnerable to competition in the long run.

Sincerely,

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