In article <101020010937028409%bknaepen@'skip'mac.com>, "Bernard K."
<bknaepen@'skip'mac.com> wrote:

> Maybe we should also let Apple know about our feeling so they may
> consider putting pressure on RSI or even give them some support to
> continue development of IDL on Mac.
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> Bernard.
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Bernard,

  I *have* contacted Apple, and they are *quietly* working behind the
scenes with RSI. This development is obviously very embarassing for them.
My contact mentioned that it would be helpful to send an e-mail to Matthew
Powell at RSI <mpowell@rsinc.com> stating the impact, future purchase
plans disrupted, technical needs, and pointing out any business plans,
commitments or contracts that may be adversely affected by RSI's
(reversed) decision to support Mac OS X. Many thanks to the non-Mac folks
that have stressed the aspect of loss of multi-platform support in IDL. I,
for one, have gotten a refund of my maintanence renewal; it was the only
choice...

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