Subject: Re: Mac OSX

Posted by Dennis Boccippio on Fri, 12 Oct 2001 14:20:27 GMT

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In article <tIGw7.306\$AE5.5841@shaw-ty1>, "Dick Jackson" <dick@d-jackson.com> wrote:

- >> I asked the techs opinion and she said that
- >> the only real chance of re-instating the development
- >> would come if pretty much all Mac users of IDL
- >> (and better yet potential mac users of IDL made
- >> their feelings known.

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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 - in fact, knowing that IDL code is more or less cross-platform deployable was a major factor for us in deciding to develop and release in-house IDL analysis code to our external users. RSI's prior strong track record on stability and cross-platform support \*had\* been a significant factor in deciding to commit signficant hardware, skill training, and code development time to IDL. A midcourse platform support change radically alters the company's reputation and future viability as a solution-of-choice, IMHO...

- Dennis Boccippio, NASA/MSFC SD-60