
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

Posted by [Dennis Boccippio](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2001 14:20:27 GMT

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In article <tlGw7.306\$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.
>
> 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 significant
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...

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