
Subject: Re: RSI Platform Support Announcement
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Tue, 16 Oct 2001 17:06:20 GMT
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I've been away for a few days, so I'm glad to see that the IDL for Mac/Alpha furor has not completely died down.

I'm still very concerned that all of the platforms on which I run IDL are not long for this world (Mac and Alpha - dead already; AIX, IRIX, and Linux - who knows?).

RSI's problem is not a *communication* problem; it's an *integrity* problem. They said they would do something, people made plans and spent money, then they changed their minds.

I hate to think that IDL as a product is not economically viable, but the scientific marketplace may simply be too small. If RSI is unable to afford to produce a command-line version for Mac OS X (no aqua interface, just a port to a FreeBSD system) that will be my conclusion.

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