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Subject: Re: Message From RSI VP of Engineering  
Posted by [Rob.Preece](#) on Thu, 18 Oct 2001 17:00:06 GMT  
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I will jump in here and add a few cents worth of comments. We have IDL installed on most platforms one could think of; my main development platform is my iBook but I had been planning to move over to my dual-processor G4 running OSX (sigh). The Linux version of IDL (which would most resemble the proposed port) is quite workable and the X interface is based on the window manager one is running. There are some nice ones out there (including Gnome!) that have been ported to OSX and are available via fink. In fact, this is the primary benefit of OSX being based upon BSD unix. I have had terrible luck getting my IDL software to print from the Linux version, but ymmv. I worry most about symmetric multiprocessing and AltiVec support from the IDL BSD unix port (I had hoped to blow away all my Linux friends with OSX benchmarks).

Bottom line: if RSI is serious about this port, then I support it and will reconsider cancelling my maintenance.

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