Subject: Re: Message From RSI VP of Engineering
Posted by John-David T. Smith on Thu, 18 Oct 2001 14:43:04 GMT

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Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan wrote:
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> JD Smith <jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu> writes:
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>> "Bernard K." wrote:
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>>> I am not familiar with command line IDL on Unix implementations. Could
>>> someone elaborate a bit more on what an Aqua-less IDL would probably
>>> look like? Just a command line tool that would ressemble using the
>>> actual command line in IDL for OS9? Apart from loosing the IDL
>>> developper environment and its associated menus (file edit search run
>>> project macros etc) what else would be missing?
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>> A Unix version for OSX would certainly not be command-line only. It
>> would probably even have an IDLDE... only it would be a Unix/X-Windows
>> program, so it would look more like a program running on Solaris or
>> Linux, and would otherwise be dissimilar from programs running under
>> Aqua.
>
> But on the other hand, you'd be able to take advantage of the best IDL
> development environment available anywhere, called idlwave, no??

I didn't want to browbeat, but, yes. Traditionally, the Mac market
would probably reject something with an Emacs interface, but then again,
wasn't I just arguing that the traditional Mac market is not what would
fuel IDL MacOSX sales?

As a side note, I long ago asked RSI developers if the OSX version being
developed would have a command-line only version available, and the
answer was yes. So, it could have been the best of both worlds.

JD