
Subject: Re: Message From RSI VP of Engineering
Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2001 21:57:47 GMT
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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 resemble using the
> actual command line in IDL for OS9? Apart from loosing the IDL
> developer environment and its associated menus (file edit search run
> project macros etc) what else would be missing?

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. The widget toolset would be unlike the MacOS widgets (lists, pop-up boxes, etc). It would require a "rootless" X server running in the background, which is also required for any other X-Windows programs to run. To Linux users who want to try MacOSX, it might be acceptable. To native Mac users, it would seem an abomination. To either kind of user, its display speed would probably seem too slow (though I'd be glad to be proven wrong).

JD
