
Subject: Re: Message From RSI VP of Engineering
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2001 19:32:35 GMT
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In article <9qiq2d\$qjg\$1@news.doit.wisc.edu>, Liam Gumley
<Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu> wrote:

> Any comment from the community on whether this suggestion would meet the
> needs of Mac OS X users?

This would work fine for me, especially since I don't use the
development environment. (I also like to think it was my idea ... ;-)
) I'm happy with BBEdit. BBEdit has good hooks into other development
tools. It would be nice if RSI could get Barebones to add IDL syntax
coloring to BBEdit and possibly breakpoints, automatic jump-to-error
features, etc.

A semi-native Mac version will require an X Windows server. We have
tried several under OS X. Our experience so far:

1. XFree86. Works, but to a Mac user feels very kludgy.
2. Xtools from Tenon. Very buggy. Not really usable, at least in the
release we tried a few months ago.
3. Exodus. New OS X version seems to work well. Provides Aqua window
manager (as well as Motif, etc.). I've used the OS 9 version for a
long time. OS 9 version had some serious bugs, but recent releases
have been stable and capable. Supports OpenGL, etc. We are planning
to go with this.

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