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Subject: Re: Message From RSI VP of Engineering  
Posted by [stevens](#) on Wed, 24 Oct 2001 21:21:33 GMT  
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In <9r73m1\$bck\$1@sulawesi-fi.lerc.nasa.gov>, Logan Lindquist:

[Apologies for a lot of intertwined snippage...]

> Interesting! I didn't know which Linux Release the X platform was based on.  
> It took me a little while to figure out your \*nix terminology. You are  
> referring to the word, Linux?

Sorry; I was misleading and presumptive. Actually, "\*nix" is kinda shorthand for any variant/clone of Unix (Irix, AIX, Linux) and not just Linux alone.

As for X, it's not really Unix in that it developed alongside Unix, but from an independent source ("Open Group" at one time, IIRC). It's just the GUI or windowing system that grew up with the variants of Unix, and so the de facto standard in that regard.

X and \*nix ain't always pretty; it's ABM, and it gets the job done for me.

> Yes hopefully RSI will release IDL for X. :)

As I said elsewhere, for the realists, it's lemonade from lemons time. :)

> Not that the port of IDL will sell more new Apple stuff, but it will prevent  
> IDL users who are not too pissed off and still want to use the language,

I dunno. Seems like a lot of IDL-Aqua or Bust sentiment lately. :)

Seriously, I think it would be a shame if RSI drops OS-X ports, but for very different reasons than just: "RSI is greedy/stupid/incompetent/malicious" or all of that. We do have Macroslop, afterall. :)

> populace, but maybe marketing doesn't matter too much when looking for any  
> sales that would allow for development to continue].

This is my point: I'm an engineer. The marketers can toast in Hades, for my part. I want reliable, speedy, affordable visualization tools. Even if it is back to Gnuplot for me, as Macroslop tries to jam XP, .NET and Passport down our collective throats. There is a bigger issue here than our pet OS/GUI.

> Apple should provide the utility Development utilities to a company as large  
> as Kodak/RSI for FREE.

Easy for you to say. Own any Kodak common stock? :)

> I would like to thank you for your intelligent, thoughtful response. Not like  
> other people that use this group.

Give 'em a chance; there are a lot of very nice, helpful folks here. Really.

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Regards, Weird (Harold Stevens) \* IMPORTANT EMAIL INFO FOLLOWS \*  
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