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Subject: Re: Message From RSI VP of Engineering  
Posted by [stevens](#) on Wed, 24 Oct 2001 20:00:14 GMT  
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In <3BD70EEA.ECF66A21@astro.cornell.edu>, JD Smith:

[Snip...]

> I really do like the analogy made by Ron Syml: how would you Windows  
> users

Correction: I do not use a single piece of Macroslop ever, with the single exception of my yearly review. The pointyheads INSIST it be done with that satanic abomination called MS-Word, and so I oblige them, only as it seems a condition of my employment. I'm composing this on an NCD Xterm with slrn on a Sun Enterprise, manage the department's Turbolinux webserver, and use a SuSE Linux PC on the table next to me. Windows user? Hah! NEVER! :)

> like it if RSI told you they didn't want to support your system,  
> and the "solution" was to run an X server with IDL for Unix; how would  
> Unix users like it if they were dropped and told to run a bundled  
> Windows emulation program on top of IDL for Windows?

As long as I have some options other than Windows? Like Linux or Mac? Then I don't care. Really. I go find the tools to get the job done, and (as the point above) select them whenever possible mostly on the basis of personal utility and a sense of principles. It involves very little misplaced ardor or cowed unthinking acceptance, I believe. Yearly review excepted. :)

That is NOT to say I like the RSI headfake recently on IDL OS-X ports, and I actually looked forward to the Aqua port. Seriously.

But that's just not gonna happen, so I gotta make lemonade from lemons.

> Somehow, I doubt  
> you'd chalk it up to "it's just another GUI, what do I care?"

Actually, yes, unless \*speed\* is absolutely crippled. Then I get bent. I'm a radar simulations kinda guy, not a wiredup eyecandy goober. If RSI ports IDL to OS-X using something X, I'm won't throw baby out with bathwater, on the sole basis of a disputed pedigree.

[Snip...]

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