
Subject: Re: Message From RSI VP of Engineering
Posted by [Logan Lindquist](#) on Wed, 24 Oct 2001 19:16:14 GMT
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Harold,

- > Not Linux...FreeBSD. Both *nix, of course, but ports 'twixt *nix is not
- > a walk in the park, generally. Then there's the whole zealotry thing in

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?

- > Speaking for myself Aqua's just another GUI. If RSI would rather modify
- > standard X toolkits and build a low(er)cost IDL port, go for it. I will

Yes hopefully RSI will release IDL for X. :)

- > There's two sets of cashflow interest here: RSI, and Apple. But there's

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, from buying x86. RSI has to figure out cost of development divided by the project sales to X users [targeted at the correct market, not the general populace, but maybe marketing doesn't matter too much when looking for any sales that would allow for development to continue].

- > If it won't include Aqua (i.e., Apple proprietary) there's hardly a way
- > Apple can make money. Gnu is mainly about choice, and only peripherally

Apple should provide the utility Development utilities to a company as large as Kodak/RSI for FREE. Also look to my paragraph above for further motivation for Apple to keep its users from investing in x86.

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

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