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Subject: Re: Other IDL / Mac advantages

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David,

- > I'm telling you Logan, taking the role of an RSI apologist
- > is hard enough, but when the lurkers start taking
- > pot-shots at you, you know you're hit a real deep
- > vein. Take it from one who has some experience
- > feeling their wrath. :-)

Some of my post this morning wasn't written so well, but I feel that strongly about the difference that Mac users go on toting about sometimes. I truly believe that hardware aside it all comes down to a familiarity issue which can be resolved by time spent with a different operating system. To limit yourself to one operating system is something that I don't like to do.

To compare hardware is difficult since the manufactures and OEM's don't exactly release engineering specs. on all the products that they endorse, sell. For Mac vs PC it comes down to what the task is that you are performing. Some Mac's are SCSI Hard Disks and the new G3 & G4's have a 128bit architecture, compared to less SCSI in personal Windows machines that are all running on 32bit architecture. I find that a Win NT/2000 machine to be much more stable than an OS 9 LE [less than or equal to = IDL code ;)] . This is important during development when memory leaks and IDL crashes can cause you to restart on a less than stable operating system.

It is said that the main market for Mac's are graphic[artists, photographers, printers] in nature. I didn't realize the extent of the devotion in the scientific community, whom should know better.

- > P.S. Let's just say I've always believed that
- > dissent in the face of overwhelming public
- > opinion is not only necessary, it is a requirement
- > of a democratic society.

I thought our political system was a democratic republic. Maybe people overseas or those who are not concerned with keeping the company profitable might not understand the business decisions that managers have to make. Not that capitalism doesn't have negative social affects in our culture, or that I agree it's the best way.

Also I understand the venomance towards me when the RSI VP said that they are still considering a port to OS X.

Hope this helps clarify things,  
Logan Lindquist

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