
Subject: Re: which *nix will RSI nix next?

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Not to worry, IDL will not turn its back on its cross platform roots. AIX has strong following in Europe and we are working closely with IBM to ensure continued support for IDL on this platform. We are also very close to finishing our investigation of whether or not we can provide a unix/x-windows implementation for Mac OS X (which looks promising at the moment) that will allow us to continue to economically support the Macintosh platform. Don't read too much into this situation. Unix platforms by and large are fairly inexpensive to support. With Compaq's announcement that they are abandoning the Alpha chip we sort of saw the writing on the wall (aside from the fact that very few of our customers actually buy licenses for this platform). And remember also that the market demand for platforms will drive many of the decisions we all make about what we do and don't do going forward.

We are committed to finding a solution that works for our customers on the Mac, if we can just have a few more days to sort some things out I think we can come out with some positive news.

"Richard G. French" <rfrench@wellesley.edu> wrote in message news:3BD60799.191320B2@wellesley.edu...

> I am still stunned by RSI's decision to cut out
> so many established UNIX platforms. I noticed in
> the 5.5 release that, not only is Alpha True64
> ending up in the trash can (so much for all of
> us old DEC users who have relied on IDL for a
> decade), but IBM unix stations are being
> 'considered' for possible sacrifice next time
> around (at least, that is how I read their
> statement).
