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Subject: Re: Open letter to RSI about dropping Alpha Tru64

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> Because the core  
> teams use IDL, universities and laboratories around the world who want to  
use  
> the data from these missions also purchase IDL. The strong support of IDL  
by

I suspect that as the number of "core teams" who use IDL decrease, so too do  
the numbers of other users. Why would institutions run 50 licences for a  
program that their data supplier isn't using any more? Axing support for one  
platform could result in hundreds of users fleeing en-mass to other  
products! The loss of licence sales and support contracts due to this  
flow-on effect could mean that IDL might loose out very big in the end.

Have RSI/Kodak done their math? Is every user accounted for? Time will tell.

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