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Subject: Re: Open letter to RSI about dropping Alpha Tru64  
Posted by [Joseph B. Gurman](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2001 05:14:17 GMT  
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In article <9rb7ub\$593\$3@readme.uio.no>, colin.rosenthal@astro.uio.no wrote:

> On 25 Oct 2001 14:44:17 GMT,  
> William Thompson <thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov> wrote:  
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> <snip>  
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>> I also question how accurately RSI can determine how many of their  
>> customers  
>> are using Tru64 Unix. Just before RSI made the announcement about  
>> dropping  
>> platforms, I had just put in a purchase order for yearly maintenance for  
>> our  
>> Tru64 and Windows platforms. However, many of our licenses are now  
>> floating  
>> licenses, and may not be properly accounted for as being used on Tru64  
>> platforms.  
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> Bingo! We also run IDL on dozens of Tru64 machines, but as these are  
> floating licenses RSI has no idea about them.

We have a bunch, too, but I wonder if the raw number matters to RSI  
--- the "business" question may be whether they can sell any more next  
year than this year, or even any more at all. Given the uncertain future  
of Tru64 in an HP-Compaq merger, I can't say I blame RSI for this  
one.... not that I'm not ticked off by it.

Just as I was by the OpenVMS decision last year. And yes, there are  
lots of VMS machines still running IDL, too. I suspect that there will  
still be OpenVMS machines running IDL years after HP stops selling Tru64.

Ah, well, at least IDL 5.2 still offers GIF support.

Joe Gurman

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