
Subject: Re: Other IDL / Mac advantages
Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Fri, 26 Oct 2001 15:44:43 GMT
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"Steve Smith" wrote:

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> On Wed, 24 Oct 2001 14:44:12 -0400, Paul van Delst <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov>
> wrote:
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>> This may be a bit off-topic.
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>> Forgive my lack of knowledge about Macs ... <cut>
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> you're forgiven :^) !
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>> I don't think
>> I have ever studied/worked anywhere where Macs were seriously considered
>> because they were ... <cut again>
>
> did you ever study at Yale, Harvard, MIT? Macintosh and Apple have always
> been pioneers in computer world. They are the BMW's and Mercedes of desktop
> computers.

Those institutions can probably afford the BMW's and Mercedes of whatever. A lot more people drive the Fiestas. I'm not talking bleeding edge stuff here - just the workaday regular joe that needs _a_ computer to get his/her job down.

> Yes, Ford Fiesta is more common, but it does not follow that they
> are better.

No implication to that effect was intended. Indeed, given the frequency of the "Blue Screen of Death" I have experienced when I used Windows, I would jump to the opposite conclusion.

> The preponderance of PC's is a market phenomena,

Yeah, that was my point. My question was: why?

> the preponderance
> of Microsoft products (especially OS's) is a direct result of that companies
> ability to manipulate the market, other companies and even the government. It
> doesn't attest to any form of superiority (technical or otherwise). Indeed, it
> is well known that Apple has always used superior hardware and usually Macs
> have the latest innovations incorporated at least 1 year ahead of the PC world.

You've only deepened my interest now. If Apple systems were/are so great, why are PC systems so ubiquitous _now_? Solely due to the marketing strategies of Microsoft? I thought it had more to do with the cost effectiveness of IBM clones. Did Apple see what happened to IBM after cheap

PCs became available in the 80's and decided not to do that?

- > Quality of the systems is much easier to control using the Apple hardware
- > philosophy. Apple clones are also available, and are competitive with PC's.

Is this a relatively recent phenomenon? If not, the same question as before pops up: why PCs rather than Macs?

- > In recent years, I would say that the Macintosh's are actually a better deal
- > in some cases: consider the iBook, can you get G4 500 MHz, firewire, usb, dvd
- > on a PC for \$1200?

Yeah, but now all the various software companies are dropping Mac support... :o) (no need to reply to this last one - it is intended to be flippant.)

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