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

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"Richard Cooke" <[rcooke@rsinc.com](mailto:rcooke@rsinc.com)> writes:

> 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).

The question isn't so much the \*Alpha\* chip, but Tru64, which is bound to  
continue on the 64-bit Intel stuff that may look and feel slightly alpha-ish,  
given that they've acquired most of the Alpha development team.. no?

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