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

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> Sorry, Stein, but I think you've got it exactly wrong. A merged
> HP-Compaq, led by HP, has no need for Tru64 when HP has HP-UX, which is
> 64-bit as of version 11.0. Frankly, I think OpenVMS has a better chance
> of survival in HPaq than Tru64 does.
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> Come back in five years and the incorrect prognosticator can buy
> the correct a bottle of beer.
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> Joe

I wrote to RSI support to voice my 'disappointment' in their decision to drop support for Tru64, as William Thompson also did. I never got an answer from RSI, which is yet another disappointment. I have been a fierce defender of IDL for more then a decade, but this latest news has really put me in a jam.

I did get an invitation from PV-WAVE (Visual Numerics) to convert my license to PV-WAVE. The letter had the interesting phrase:

"Cross-platform compatibility is a big concern, especially for existing customers. The time to consider commercial viability is before adding a platform to the supported list, not after you have customers."

Too bad that RSI did not follow that advice. Has anyone else gotten a response to a personal letter indicating unhappiness with their decision to drop Tru64 support?

Dick French
