
Subject: Re: The status of IDL for Mac's (?)

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Adam Rankin wrote:

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> Heya folks,
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> Another one from the impatient department. Just trying to find out what
> the "official" status is of IDL/ENVI on the mac's. I use it in our labs
> (im just a code monkey) and I would like to find out if we're going to go
> elsewhere or if their will be support.
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> From what I gather, IDL for Mac's pre 9.x (including) will no longer be
> supported but IDL for OS X.x will be supported. Also, will IDL be
> supported on Sun Solaris?

Mostly correct. IDL will be supported for Sparc Solaris, but not Solaris x86 (not a terrible loss in my book). It will *probably* be supported in MacOSX, but by somewhat of a back route: a Unix version using an X11 windows server running alongside the native windowing environment (Quartz). RSI is working on such a version, thanks in part to community outcry at their recent announcement of dropping all Mac support including the much-touted complete rewrite of IDL for OSX, but it's not guaranteed. Expect news on its progress soon.

JD
