
Subject: Re: Research Systems Platform Support Update
Posted by [Struan Gray](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2001 11:35:28 GMT
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Matthew Powell, mpowell@rsinc.com writes:

- > In response to customer requests for continued
- > support of Mac OS X, IBM AIX and Compaq Tru64
- > Unix for Alpha platforms, Research Systems Inc.
- > (RSI) announced today that it will reverse an
- > earlier decision to drop support for these three
- > platforms in future releases of IDL and ENVI.

As someone who complained publically about the initial decision, I hereby issue a public "whew, thanks." Of course, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, but this is enough of a taster for me to continue maintenance for a little while yet.

I shouldn't really be surprised, but does anyone else feel their intelligence being insulted by these two statements:

- > For the Macintosh OS X platform,
- > ...
- > This essentially allows RSI to support Mac OS X as
- > another Unix platform, thus reducing the costs of
- > development and support.
- > ...
- > there will be a corresponding modest increase in
- > maintenance and new license prices for the Macintosh
- > platform in order to cover the associated development
- > and support costs.

What they mean of course, is that since MacOS X is really Unix, Mac licences are really Unix licences, and Unix licences cost more. Shall we have a sweepstake on the value of 'modest'?

Struan
