
Subject: Re: Any update on OS X

Posted by [Bernard K.](#) on Sun, 17 Mar 2002 21:40:56 GMT

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Hi Kenneth,

before spending some money on commercial X-Windows systems, you should consider installing Xfree first. Even if you only have a limited experience with Unix it's easy to install and setup.

Functionality is really great.

You should visit <http://www.mrcla.com/XonX/> for detailed information.

When you have installed the server and Xdarwin you can

replace the (ugly?) default window manager by for example windowmaker:

<http://www.osxgnu.org/software/Xwin/WindowManagers/WindowMaker/>

(there are other choices of course).

Cheers,

Bernard.

In article <k-bowman-1F73A0.10441917032002@news.tamu.edu>, Kenneth Bowman <k-bowman@null.tamu.edu> wrote:

> In article <a6sfoe\$lhg\$1@news.lth.se>,

> Struan Gray <struan.gray@sljus.lu.se> wrote:

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>> Has anyone received any info on the proposed

>> solution(s) for IDL on Mac OS X?

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> I recently submitted a bug report for IDL 5.5 running in Classic

> mode under OS X. The reply included this

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>> Unfortunately, since we do not have an operable Mac OSX machine

>> inhouse and do not plan to continue the support for

>> Macs; I needed to research the bug on other OS systems ...

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> I hope this is just poor communication between support and development,

> but I am very concerned. I just spent a lot of money based on their

> press release of 2001-12-03, which said ...

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>> RSI plans to provide a special pre-release of IDL for Mac OS X

>> to customers in Q1, 2002, and officially release the final version

>> based on customer feedback from the pre-release.

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> The press release also said ...

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>> For the Macintosh OS X platform, RSI will be providing a native

>> release using Tenon Intersystems' Xtools X-Windows server, giving

>> customers the benefit of OS X's Unix core while providing a Motif

>> interface similar to that provided on other Unix platforms.
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> I submitted a question to info@ResearchSystems.com inquiring
> about whether the upcoming OS X version would work with other
> X Windows servers (e.g. eXodus). So far (3 weeks later), I have received
> no reply. Not even a "sorry, we don't know" or "sorry, we can't answer
> that".
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> Since I need X Windows servers now, I expect that I will have to go ahead
> and spend ~\$600 for software that will either be redundant (if I
> buy XTools) or unusable (if I buy eXodus) when (if) IDL for OS X ships.
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> Ken
