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Subject: Re: Any update on OS X  
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Sun, 17 Mar 2002 16:44:19 GMT  
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In article <a6sfoe\$lhg\$1@news.lth.se>,  
Struan Gray <struan.gray@sljus.lu.se> wrote:

- > Has anyone received any info on the proposed
- > solution(s) for IDL on Mac OS X?

I recently submitted a bug report for IDL 5.5 running in Classic mode under OS X. The reply included this

- > 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 ...

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 ...

- > 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.

The press release also said ...

- > 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.

I submitted a question to [info@ResearchSystems.com](mailto: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".

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.

Ken

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