Subject: Re: Object graphics on Windows
Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Thu, 12 Jun 2003 16:09:11 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:
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> Paul van Delst writes:
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>> RSI only supports IDL under Red Hat? Wow - I wasn't aware of that. Isn't SuSE one of the
>> more popular linux distros out there? The only reason I ask is because there has been some
>> (v. cheap) talk about using SuSE here rather than Red Hat ("here" is being used in as
>> nebulous a mamner as possible). I'm positive it won't happen - but the fact that the words
>> even came up in a meeting amazed me (it is a gov installation after all :o).
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> I don't have any idea what the support policy is, but

I went to the RSI website but after 5 minutes of hunting around I couldn't find anything.
The little CD-ROM cover with the latest version I have (5.5) only lists Red Hat under
linux.

> I can believe RSI only *tests* IDL on Red Hat. Here
> you see the down side of open software. Anybody and
> his brother can be in there tinkering under the hood.

Isn't there a difference between the "open source linux" (whatever that means) and the
stuff that's distributed from companys like Red Hat and Co.? (I don't know since I also
will freely admit that I don't know what I'm talking about :o)

> Should a software manufacturer have to hire a squadron
> of technical support engineers to support *everyone's*
> wild hare ideas? I don't think so.

Umm... most do don't they? I've been browsing the web looking for a new Fortran 95
compiler and for the one I've decided on the *supported* distributions include Debian, Red
Hat, Mandrake, Slackware, and SuSE. And various versions of each to boot.

To be fair, I think that a compiler is probably an easier thing to make portable than a
complex application like IDL (drivers and whatnot spring to mind).

paulv

> P.S. Don't bother to flame me. I already admitted I
> don't know what the hell I'm talking about. :-)

No flames here. I use Red Hat so IDL works flawlessly for me :o) Especially now I do the
COMPILE_OPT STRICTARR thingo.... har har. Ehem...

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