
Subject: Re: Best platform for IDL 6.2?

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wallabadah@hotmail.com wrote:

> Using MacOSX also allows you to use things like grep for searching
> whole source repositories, svn or cvs for version control, and the
> already mentioned mainstream software for email, presentations, dtp,
> etc. If you're into it, you can also do the emacs/idlwave thing, too.

But these aren't *all* strictly mac things are they? I work in both a
LINUX/windows environment, and to answer your points

grep: works fine in linux and there is an opensource version for
windows. I now use google desktop search, which is much faster.

CVS: works fine in linux and there is an opensource version for windows.
Plug in eclipse and you wouldn't know the difference between the two
systems!

Email/Web: No outlook on linux, but thunderbird is great for both OS's.
Ditto Firefox, Netscape, Opera...

Office: Windows offers everything, but you're right with linux:
openoffice is not really a substitute for Powerpoint/Keynote.

I'm not saying that Macs aren't better (or worse), just pointing out
that the unique selling points mentioned aren't really that unique.

I'm one of the unix IDLDE users[1] and it's not all that bad, but it
could do with a bit of work. I keep on toying with IDLWAVE, but never
quite get there, just too used to IDLDE.

Ben

[1] The other two work at a remote observatory in Antarctica, but I
haven't heard from them in a while.

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or you could try ben at ^^^^^^^^^^^
