
Subject: Re: IDL for Mac doesn't exist?

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In article <3825@tansei1.tansei.cc.u-tokyo.ac.jp>,
f61090@tansei.cc.u-tokyo.ac.jp (F61090) wrote:

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> Is there a port of IDL or PVWAVE which runs on a Macintosh computer (Mac/OS or A/UX)??
> I have heard of a version for IBM-PC. Why not one for Mac?
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> Kyo Akita (kakita@solar.stanford.edu)

I'm sure that the reason is simple - the market for a Mac version is seen to be smaller than the market for the PC version. I think RSI is missing an important market, however. Many scientists have Macs, and there is nothing comparable available on the Mac. Mathematica will do everything IDL will, and more - in principle. In practice I find it not to be well suited for handling large data sets, but I use it for some other kinds of tasks. The closest thing on the Mac is probably Matlab.

As a Mac user I would love to see a Mac version. Now that Apple is moving to the IBM Power PC chips (and AIX for there version of Unix), we may see a Mac version in the future. I hope so.

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