David,

I recently created an application distribution disc for Windows,
Linux, and MacOS X. There are a couple tricky things I had to figure
out, which may be of general interest to this newsgroup.

The MAKE_RT command won't create the double-clickable .app file for
Mac unless you run it locally on a Mac, and even then it may not
work. What I had to do was take the source (text) applescript file
generated by MAKE_RT (<appname>_mac_script_source.txt), copy it into
AppleScript Editor on a Mac, and save it as an "application
bundle" (this creates a Universal Binary application for Mac, which
looks to Unix like a folder). Users on Mac OS 10.4 and later may have
to follow the instructions at http://www.ittvis.com/services/techtip.asp?ttid=4095
in order for the double-clickable .app to work.

The other thing to be careful about is that the Unix (Linux, Mac) run-
time distributions of IDL include symbolic links, so you cannot copy
your application distributions created on other platforms to Windows.
The options for getting everything on one CD are to either distribute
the Unix-flavored distributions as .tar files (which can be copied to
Windows), or copy the Windows distribution of your application to a
Unix machine and create your CD image there.

Jean-Paul

On Oct 30, 7:08 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
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> Do you have any tips for the Mac machines?
> I haven't tried this yet (I'm still trying to
> convince my son I need to borrow his machine
> for a couple of hours), but I've heard it was
> trickier than for other distributions.
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> Cheers,
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> David