
Subject: Re: IDL under PPCLinux?

Posted by [mole6e23](#) on Mon, 20 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Randall Skelton <rhskelto@atm.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

> I am curious if IDL can be run under PPC Linux (i.e. linux on a power
> pc/macintosh computer).

That would be no. Not a large enough market for RSI to bother supporting, which is unfortunate, but true. If they just dropped VMS support, I doubt they'll be adding LinuxPPC support any time soon. I believe I even asked them once, and they said "no plans" or something to that effect.

Todd

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Posted by [noymer](#) on Tue, 21 Nov 2000 00:33:50 GMT

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- Andrew

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PPC Linux is basically RedHat 6.x Linux for the mac... I would compile it myself if the source were out there ;) In short, I doubt it would be much work for the people at RSI to make it work, alas over the past months I have noticed a considerable degradation in the sales contacts at RSI. It *used* to be that when you mailed info@rsi.com that your questions were

promptly answered... for \$1500+ a license I would have thought this would still be the case! Alas, I (like many others) am now actively looking for alternatives to IDL. We have a departmental site-license for 5.3 which I will continue to use for initial development until I find an alternative however I will not be encouraging an upgrade in the near future. What I need is software which I can afford to run in our department and on the road. The platform issue is of some concern as well: I would like to see more Linux platforms supported (including PPC Linux).

Randall

On Tue, 21 Nov 2000, Andrew wrote:

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