
Subject: RSI Platform Support Announcement
Posted by [Matthew Powell](#) on Mon, 08 Oct 2001 23:23:07 GMT
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October 8, 2001

Research Systems, Inc., (RSI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Kodak, today announced that it is discontinuing support for several platforms in order to focus on its core competency platforms, which have the greatest market share. The company stated that this was a difficult decision to reach and was only determined after much research and review. This decision was dictated in large part by the limited number of customers we have using our products on these platforms, as well as the current economic conditions that require all companies to make prudent business decisions. This change will be implemented following the releases of IDL 5.5, scheduled for release October 4, and ENVI 3.5, planned for October 22, of this year. These will be the last versions to support the following platforms:

Apple Macintosh
Compaq Alpha Linux
Compaq Alpha Tru64 Unix
Sun Intel x86 Solaris

Although IDL 5.5 will support Mac OS 9, RSI will be unable to release support for Mac OS X. We had planned to completely rewrite IDL for Mac OS X, but after careful review of our Macintosh customer base, it has become clear that our software maintenance fees and predicted sales for Mac OS X would not cover the costs associated with this effort.

Customers using RSI products on one of these platforms can transfer their licenses to another supported platform at no additional cost if they are currently on maintenance. Technical support will continue to be provided to RSI customers for these platforms. Customers should contact their RSI sales representative for more information and for assistance in transferring their licenses.

RSI will continue to support the following platforms:

Sun Solaris
Hewlett-Packard HP-UX
IBM AIX
sgi IRIX
Windows 98, 2000, and NT
Linux

Any questions regarding this policy change may be directed to RSI at info@rsinc.com.

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Subject: Re: RSI Platform Support Announcement
Posted by [colinr](#) on Wed, 10 Oct 2001 13:31:34 GMT
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On Mon, 8 Oct 2001 17:23:07 -0600,
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Where did you get this? It's not on their press release page on the website.

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Subject: Re: RSI Platform Support Announcement
Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Wed, 10 Oct 2001 15:19:13 GMT
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My goodness. I take a couple of days off and look what hits the fan. It was bad enough when VMS users were dropped (admittedly with plenty of notice, but I work with folks that still use VMS) but Macs as well? In a rather abrupt manner, also. My 2-year (so far...and continuing) long task of replicating my IDL code base in Fortran 90 has, unfortunately, just received a major push.

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I believe it. *

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Subject: Re: RSI Platform Support Announcement
Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Wed, 10 Oct 2001 16:16:44 GMT
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I have a strong hope that the RSI developers that are unhappy with the recent events (or those called "former RSI" since a week ago) will join VNI and blast off the OSX version. Maybe, even DS will joining in and help resurrect IDL back to what he meant it to be - crossplatform tool for

scientists. Let Kodak have what's left of IDL. I will go to PV-wave if it can do the same and better.

Pavel

Subject: Re: RSI Platform Support Announcement
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Tue, 16 Oct 2001 17:06:20 GMT
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I've been away for a few days, so I'm glad to see that the IDL for Mac/Alpha furor has not completely died down.

I'm still very concerned that all of the platforms on which I run IDL are not long for this world (Mac and Alpha - dead already; AIX, IRIX, and Linux - who knows?).

RSI's problem is not a *communication* problem; it's an *integrity* problem. They said they would do something, people made plans and spent money, then they changed their minds.

I hate to think that IDL as a product is not economically viable, but the scientific marketplace may simply be too small. If RSI is unable to afford to produce a command-line version for Mac OS X (no aqua interface, just a port to a FreeBSD system) that will be my conclusion.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: RSI Platform Support Announcement
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2001 19:32:22 GMT
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In article <9ptcgp\$ss3\$1@news.rsinc.com>, Matthew Powell <mpowell@rsinc.com> wrote:

> ... after careful review of our Macintosh customer base, it has become clear
> that our software maintenance fees and predicted sales for Mac OS X would
> not cover the costs associated with this effort.

Does anyone recall being asked about their IDL plans by RSI recently?

I hope it wasn't one of those 5-page e-mail surveys that go directly to my e-trashcan.

Ken Bowman
