
Subject: Re: Mac Scoop (Long)

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Thu, 11 Oct 2001 22:42:20 GMT

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"Noam R. Izenberg" wrote:

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> RSI is doing and has done the best it can for the Mac. The communication
> cock-up cost them and they know it. There is at least a real chance for
> a) Classic support and/or b) IDL for Mac-Linux. There is also chance for
> future revival of OS X native IDL, but the numbers (big numbers) have to
> be there. I judge the chance remote, at least for now. I personally
> think that a Mac-Linux solution would be just fine. The IDL community
> that must have OS X native IDL should ask/pressure Apple to partner more
> deeply with RSI.

I am glad we received this calming and positive information. I will now
rest easier knowing that the future is not grim and we will have - or
maybe have - support for the Mac. We know it is all Apple's fault. If
they want people to use their computers, they better finance development
of software for them. We all know Intel and AMD do just that, right?

Wait, have I heard this before? "It is not my fault, its his!"

Oh, I am sorry. It is what my 6 yr old says, pointing at his older
brother, when accused of making a mess. How can what works for a kid
fail in case with company?..

Cheers,
Pavel

P.S. Lets just say (c) that what you were told is not the same what I
heard. Oh boy, PR is everything :-(

Subject: Re: Mac Scoop (Long)

Posted by [Amara.Graps](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2001 20:19:16 GMT

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In article <3BC60E3B.4A60D0D9@jhuapl.edu>, "Noam R. Izenberg"
<noam.izenberg@jhuapl.edu> wrote:

> OK. Here's my scoop.

> [...]

> Thanks to Matt, Richard, and Mike for that most valuable commodity:
> information.

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> Noam Izenberg

Dear Noam,

Thank you very much for gathering all of that information and collecting support. I was a beta tester for Mac IDL in 1993 and have continued to use Mac IDL through job changes, cross-Atlantic move, during my PhD etc. I started a group at my old NASA-Ames job to use Mac IDL before I left that place in the mid 1990s, and I know that many of the space scientists there are devoted Mac users. My current MPI-K group is small, and I'm surrounded by PC and Sun IDL users (The molecular biology lab next door is much more Mac heavy than my institute) but we are slowly growing with Macs, and *was* planning to buy a Mac IDL license soon.

As far as I'm concerned, people will have to pry my Macintosh from my dead fingers. I appreciate your efforts alot. I hope we get RSI to rethink their decision.

Amara

P.S. The first year that I started using IDL was in 1982 on a PDP-11.

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"Never fight an inanimate object." - P. J. O'Rourke
