
Subject: Xtools Clarification

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We have received several inquiries about our use of Tenon's Xtools for the upcoming X-Windows/Motif release of IDL for Mac OS X. Here are answers to some of these questions:

- The Xtools product will be dynamically linked in when we compile so there will be no need for the user to buy Xtools.
- We chose Xtools because it is a commercial solution that we can count on to have our bugs fixed and feature requests implemented. With freeware or shareware we would have to support the X-server ourselves and that would raise our development costs.
- We have not yet finalized how much we will need to increase the price for our Macintosh licenses, but it will not be as much as our other Unix licenses.
- We have not yet tested XDarwin or other X-servers with this release and do not yet know if they will work with the upcoming IDL X-Windows release for Mac OS X. We will not be supporting any freeware X-servers with this release, however.

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