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Posted by K. Bowman on Sun, 17 Mar 2002 16:44:19 GMT

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Ken

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Hi Kenneth,
before spending some money on commercial X-Windows systems,
you should consider installing Xfree first. Even if you only have
a limited experience with Unix it's easy to install and setup.
Functionality is really great.
You should visit http://www.mrcla.com/XonX/ for detailed information.
When you have installed the server and Xdarwin you can
replace the (ugly?) default window manager by for example windowmaker:
 http://www.osxgnu.org/software/Xwin/WindowManagers/WindowMak er/
(there are other choices of course).

Cheers,
Bernard.

In article <k-bowman-1F73A0.10441917032002@news.tamu.edu>, Kenneth
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Posted by Struan Gray on Mon, 18 Mar 2002 12:17:19 GMT
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Kenneth Bowman, k-bowman@null.tamu.edu writes:

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 I'm sorry to hear that you too are getting the mushroom
treatment.

 We've rehearsed the pro- and anti-mac arguments already
here, and I don't really want to do that again. I like IDL,
and will carry on using my existing programs in 5.5, but I
have no reason to prefer IDL over other, cheaper
alternatives if Mac support is dropped. It's a shame, but
RSI/Kodak are not the only ones having to be unsentimental
about costs these days.

 Can I still come to the IDL elite programmers' meetings
if I don't have an active license? How about if I offer to
fill the hot tub each morning?

Struan

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Posted by John McLeod on Mon, 18 Mar 2002 12:27:55 GMT
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I have been in communication with RSI over the last couple of days and

would characterize their response as helpful and cautiously optimistic on
this issue. I had suggested, by-the-way, that they reply to the first post
in this chain,
and that the poster was not the only one concerned about OS X support.
In any case, a query on OS X directed at support@rsinc.com (for those with
support)
might be a good and timely idea.

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Posted by Pavel A. Romashkin on Mon, 18 Mar 2002 17:11:47 GMT
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As far as I know RSI received what they need to fix the reported bug in
Mac IDL v. 5.5. The reason they just sit on it is unknown to me.
One upside is that they at least *wanted* to have the fix. This may mean
that they have not given up completely.
Cheers,
Pavel

Struan Gray wrote:
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>   Has anyone receieved any info on the proposed
> solution(s) for IDL on Mac OS X? My maintainence is up for
> renewal and I'm facing strong arguments for simply dropping
> IDL. RSI promised me that "something good" would be
> available by now, but nothing whatsoever has happened (in
> public at least).
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>   I'm not asking for people to break confidentiality
> agreements, just giving IDL one last chance before I pull
> the plug.
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