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Posted by [Richard French](#) on Wed, 30 Jul 2003 01:59:11 GMT

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Posted by [gurman](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 17:51:40 GMT

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Let's say I've been beta testing software for the Rastamen of Badgag for ten or twelve years. Let's also say I don't have a stinkin' Windoze security cesspit-from-hell and never will. What do you imagine my (hypothetical) reaction would be?

I would thank the Upport person for his "help," deinstall the Lingo beta from my Eggs machine, and just not think about it again. I might wonder who was going to beta test the Lingo under those circumstances, but that would be Somebody Else's Problem.

Now, continuing to speak hypothetically, I might assume that the OS Eggs version of the EyeTules feature might lack a little robustness, as a result of less than adequate testing, in such a case. I might even be

reluctant to spend development resources on applications using EyeTules, at least until it had been through a few product cycles. No big deal for me, though it might mean I wouldn't buy quite as many Lingo licenses as I might have, were I (hypothetically) more enthused about the purportedly neat, new feature. Too bad I would never have known how to use it, in this hypothetical instance.

Joe Gurman

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In article <BB4C9EAE.B71%rfrfrench@wellesley.edu>, "Richard G. French" <rfrfrench@wellesley.edu> wrote:

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Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2003 19:41:50 GMT

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Ummmm... Yeah. What is so hard about (hypothetically speaking, of course) finding an old "windoze" PC to run the webEx presentation on? Nobody is asking you to <gasp> actually use IDL on it.

Dick, did you try picking up the latest client?

[http://www.webex.com/downloads\\_webex.html](http://www.webex.com/downloads_webex.html)

If the answer is "Yes" then I find it hard to blame RSI for a compatibility issue in the webEx client. From a quick glance at their website, WebEx clearly markets their product as a cross platform solution that probably covers about 95% of IDL's user base. Instead of (hypothetically) complaining, maybe you can suggest a better product for them to use in the future?

-Rick

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