

Subject: Re: IDL for Mac doesn't exist?
Posted by [thompson](#) on Tue, 05 Jan 1993 15:03:00 GMT
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In article <3825@tansei1.tansei.cc.u-tokyo.ac.jp>, f61090@tansei.cc.u-tokyo.ac.jp (F61090) writes...

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David Stern of RSI told us a few months ago that IDL for MacIntoshes was under development, and that it should be released by late 1993. I've since heard second-hand that it is about to go into alpha test, so it may be ahead of schedule. I believe that the holdup was that some improvements needed to be made to MacOS in the area of virtual memory before IDL could be ported to it.

Here's to platform independence!

Bill Thompson

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I'm sure that the reason is simple - the market for a Mac version is seen to be smaller than the market for the PC version. I think RSI is missing an important market, however. Many scientists have Macs, and there is nothing comparable available on the Mac. Mathematica will do everything IDL will, and more - in principle. In practice I find it not to be well suited for handling large data sets, but I use it for some other kinds of tasks. The closest thing on the Mac is probably Matlab.

As a Mac user I would love to see a Mac version. Now that Apple is moving to the IBM Power PC chips (and AIX for there version of Unix), we may see a Mac version in the future. I hope so.

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No. it's a pity, there isn't one.
But, it would be nice to have an
implementation auf IDL on the mac platforms.
I would buy such a package for my MAC Quadra-700.

Hi RSI, what's about porting IDL to the MAC's and NeXT's ?

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