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Mike Schienle (Ivhare@ix.netcom.com) wrote:

: In article <702dnp\$mu5@gazette.bcm.tmc.edu>, pford@bcm.tmc.edu (Patrick V.
: Ford) wrote:

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: I suspect the answer is no. RSI has to gear things for the least common
: denominator to keep their code base reasonable. If they were to provide
: development towards AltiVec, they would also be obligated to develop for
: MMX, MMX2 and a few dozen UNIX accelerators both native to the OS and as
: 3rd party additions.

: I would prefer they put more effort into things like 64-bit processors,
: multi-threading and multiple processors. Perhaps if we have a bake sale we
: could send the proceeds to them and have our preferences accomodated.
: Maybe it would be better to just send them the baked goods.

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I was under the impression that ActiveX and MMX was being supported. Am I wrong?
