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Richard,
I told Debra I do NOT think we should think about doing something similar to what Inprise did. She doesn't think this will go anywhere...
Amy

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From: Debra Kelley on 11/18/98 03:47 PM

To: Richard Saunders, Amy Savage/Cupertino/Cal/SYMANTEC
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Richard, Amy,

Some of us in ITools are contemplating putting out -- as soon as possible -- some sort of public statement, as Inprise has done (http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/981118/inprise_1.html), regarding the court order that Microsoft conform to Sun's pure Java spec.

In short, Inprise has offered to license its 100% Pure Java Technology to Microsoft, for use by its J++ users. Our thought is that we might issue a press release that offers something similar, maybe a competitive upgrade to Visual Cafe, for those same J++ users.

Our hesitations are:

1. It would be almost impossible to put out any publicity on this issue without appearing sarcastic, or at least without appearing to be chiding Microsoft or chuckling at its position in light of the court's order. Inprise's announcement does in fact seem somewhat sarcastic to those who are following the Sun/MSFT issues.

2. If we appear in any way to be enjoying MSFT's being made to conform to Sun's Java spec., we might negatively impact the relationships between Symantec's other business units and Microsoft.

Please look at the URL listed above and then let me know your thoughts on whether any publicity of the type we're contemplating would in your view be advisable, or not.

Thanks for your help,

Debra

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