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Subject: Computing Speed

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Greeting all,

I have been running IDL on a Sparc Station20 for several months. A couple months ago we got an Ultra 1 (167MHz, 128MB RAM) and i used that for a while for our IDL apps. Now i have a Pentium II (300MHz) with 128 MB of RAM.

Running some computationally intensive surface fitting and FFT's on both machines i have found, quite surprisingly, that the PC (running NT) is whuppin the SUN Station (which costs roughly 6 times the PC).

(We also run a Atmospheric Fortran program - the PC runs this about 8 times faster than the UNIX)

What has been other people's experience running IDL on PC and UNIX based machines? How about Macs? Fast, slow. . . ?

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