
Subject: Re: Computing Speed
Posted by [J.D. Smith](#) on Mon, 23 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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Speed Seekers:

I see that while I typed my last message, everyone began reporting time_tests. I am still willing to compile the results if you send me the full information. The fields I currently have are (you can use this as a form for entry):

Make : (Make of your computer)
Processor/Speed : (Processor and speed + number of processors if >1)
Memory : (Amount of RAM in Mb)
OS : (Operating System, including version)
IDL Version : (Version of IDL used)
Video Hardware : (Video Hardware, if Known)
tt2 -- mean/geom : (Mean (= total/23) and geometric mean of time_test2)
gt2 : (Mean (= total/4) and geometric mean of graphics_times2)
tt2 -- test 23 : (Result of tt2 test 23 (Disk I/O -- see below))

A few notes: Use time_test2 on the latest version of IDL you have.
Make sure to cd to a local partition (i.e. not a network partition, /tmp usually is safe on unix-like systems) before running the test, or your disk i/o results will be very skewed.

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