
Subject: Re: Computing Speed

Posted by [Helge.Rebhan](#) on Thu, 19 Feb 1998 08:00:00 GMT

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In article <34EAE0EA.7B9A7DE@LaRC.NASA.gov>,
J.M.nospam.Zawodny@LaRC.NASA.gov wrote:

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>> What has been other people's experience running IDL on PC and UNIX

>> based

>> machines? How about Macs? Fast, slow. . . ?

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> I noticed the same thing when I switched from a DEC Alpha 3000/500

> to a PPro 200MHz a couple of years ago. The PPro was nearly twice

> as fast and most IDL tests and it cost way less than the Alpha

> (and I could buy software for NT unlike Digital Unix). Most of

> the Alpha folks here have upgraded to PC's. We are now working on

> getting rid of Sun's and saving a few hundred thousand dollars in

> the process.

You will also save a significant amount of money for your IDL licences !

Out of some 'historic' reasons IDL on Unix workstations is 3 to 5 times

more expensive than PC or MAC versions ! I never heard any justification

for this ??

Servus, Helge

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