
Subject: Re: IDL demo during Seybold SF keynote
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In article <7qhb3j\$ql\$1@agate-ether.berkeley.edu>,
korpela@highland.ssl.berkeley.edu (Eric J. Korpela) wrote:

> In article <gurman-3108991331360001@eddy.nascom.nasa.gov>,
> Joseph B. Gurman <gurman@gsfc.nasa.gov> wrote:
>> During Steve Jobs's keynote at the Seybold publishing conference in
>> San Francisco today (August 31), they ran side-by-side IDL rendering demos
>> on a Pentium III (600 MHz) and a 500 MHz G4 PowerMac, which supposedly
>> does floating point ops at > 1 Gflops. (Guess which machine won, by a
>> factor of ~ 4?)
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> Let me guess, the PIII was running Windows.
>
> Eric

Well, of course. (I don't think there's a LinuxPPC for the G4 yet, so
a real test wouldn't be possible --- even if RSI sold IDL for LinuxPPC.)

Still, the prototype ads they showed for the G4 were cute: "The DOD
says we can't export these to some countries because they're
supercomputers" (i.e., the ancient 1 GFLOPS barrier).

The G4 also runs a setiathome iteration in 6 hours, which isn't too shabby.

See RSI's hype at:

http://www.rsinc.com/pressrelease/pr_083199.cfm .

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