
Subject: Re: Best, Fastest platform for IDL 5.2 (NT or UNIX)

Posted by [Patrick Ford](#) on Fri, 17 Sep 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:

> Richard Tyc <richt@sbr.umanitoba.ca> wrote:
>> To add to the another similar post, I would like to know from the
>> experts what system they would buy if they had \$10K - \$30K (speed being
>> an important factor) ?
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> My recollection is that about 1 year to 6 months ago someone organised a
> set of speed tests in IDL for a variety of platforms and published the
> results on the web. Someone else will surely know the real reference or
> perhaps dejanews will tell you.
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> I particularly liked the survey because our alpha-600 won in the cpu section ;-)
>
> However, in terms of performance/price, I recall that pentium-type objects
> came out on top.
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> -W.
>
> [just looked it up: see ftp://iras2.tn.cornell.edu/pub/jdsmith/ for the results,
> or search deja for "Speed Survey". It was in apr 1998 - perhaps time for a
> re-run?]
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As I recall the test, my Mac was near the top in CPU performance and it really sucked in the video display. I don't believe with the newer mother boards that this is this case now. I would really like to see an update because I don't believe the last statement is true.

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