
Subject: Re: IDL time test with a PowerMac G4
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In article <37FB6F9C.FD4672C8@cmdl.noaa.gov>, promashkin@cmdl.noaa.gov wrote:

> Go for it Martin, the CPU case colors are so pretty, it looks so nice, too,
> like as a soap dish!

That's exactly why everyone invests in SGI machines - for the pretty cases. If that's really a complaint, Apple must be doing quite well.

> Who cares it costs twice as much as a decent Pentium...
> Also, you can buy endless software updates without feeling much improvement in
> reliability. Trust me - a faster Mac reboots faster, I had older one that
> crashed as often as my new one (once per day on average; 3-5 times a day on a
> bad day, when, let's say, you try to work out in the field and adapt to a new
> network) and the new one takes 50% less time to reboot.

Pavel, if you're experiencing the above you have every right to complain. Something is very wrong with your Macs. I'd look for extension conflicts. Mine are loaded to the gills and typically run for weeks without a reboot. That's nowhere close to UNIX stability, but far better than my experience with Windows systems.

At my latest contract I work as one of few Macs in the midst of PC's, SGI's and Sun's. The IS department won't support me and in fact constantly tells me I won't be able to do what I continue to do: access every network, access every printer, exchange files with every UNIX system, exchange files with every PC. My latest round of corporate crap is described at <http://www.ivsoftware.com/IV_G3WS.html>.

That article is referring to my PowerBook 1400, a three year old laptop with RAM, CPU and HD upgrades. Earlier this year that laptop was running IDL programs in 2/3 the time it took to run on an SGI Octane 200. I was the sole user on both systems. Within a week of that happening, I met every manager in the department.

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