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Subject: Re: Slow Time Test in IDL 5.4  
Posted by [mole6e23](#) on Fri, 27 Oct 2000 21:37:09 GMT  
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davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) wrote:

> Before JD goes crazy trying to analyze slow Time\_Test2  
> values for IDL 5.4, let me alert you that a change to  
> the IDL library routine FACTORIAL has made that routine  
> \*significantly\* slower. So much so, that Time\_Test2 runs  
> about 10 times slower on PCs running IDL 5.4 than it does  
> running earlier versions. :-(

But that doesn't seem to be the case on Alphas.

Because I don't want to publish a huge list of numbers:

Total time for time\_test2

IDL 5.4 with 5.4 version of factorial:	4.700
IDL 5.4 with 5.3 version of factorial:	4.698
IDL 5.3:	5.594

A nice little speedup for 5.4 regardless of the version of factorial used.

Todd

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