
Subject: Re: IDL 5.4 and MacOS 9.1

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"Pavel A. Romashkin" wrote:

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> RSI said that Macs are the fastest to run IDL. I assume that pertains to
> G4s, where IDL takes advantage of the Motorola's chip. My guess here
> would be that G3 chip is a little more efficient than a P3 (while more
> expensive), and the system bus is faster. Does P3 have a 33 MHz bus? You
> can get some idea if you run IDL's timetests on both and look at which
> tests are slower on a Pentium. I'd bet those would be disk access tests.
> I want to try IDL on my home PC w/Duron 750, but need to get a CD from RSI.

I think they were referring to the as-yet-unreleased Altivec-tuned
version of IDL they demoed with Jobs at MacWorld last year. I guess
we've yet to see how fast IDL can be on the G4.

JD
