
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

Posted by [John-David T. Smith](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2001 14:47:41 GMT

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JD Smith wrote:

> "The Macintosh is now our fastest platform for basic binary
> operations on arrays in IDL."
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> "AltiVec will definitely play an important role in IDL's
> future."
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> "For example, basic binary operations on arrays in IDL run
> almost five times faster on Power Mac G4 systems than on
> otherwise comparable computers."
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> "Mac OS X brings the speed, stability and power of Unix to
> IDL's Macintosh users. In combination with the G4 processor
> with Velocity Engine and hardware OpenGL support on cutting
> edge graphic accelerators, IDL on Mac OS X is a best-of-class
> scientific visualization application."
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> "The Power Mac G4 gives us anywhere from a two- to five-fold
> boost in performance for computationally intensive tasks."

And here's a few more I found, from the competitive upgrade offer to former Mac MatLab users (granted its from 1997/98...):

"The decision to drop Matlab on the Macintosh came as a great surprise. As a software company with many satisfied Macintosh customers, Research Systems considers the Power Macintosh an important platform for technical data analysis and visualization, both now and in the future."

"Research Systems is strongly committed to supporting the MacOS on PowerPC-based platforms. The Power Mac is an ideal platform for our products, as its high-performance processing and state-of-the-art graphics complement IDL's strengths."

Taoist lesson of the day: though your words are honey sweet, you speak with a forked tongue.

JD
