
Subject: Re: Mac OSX

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> In article <MPG.162e8aaf5237957a989700@news.frii.com>, David Fanning
> <david@dfanning.com> wrote:
>
> The Mac right now, today, is not a serious
> scientific computing platform. I know, I know.
> MacOSX is going to change all that, etc., etc.
> But I don't believe it. And I doubt the folks
> making this decision at RSI believe it. Not when
> perfectly good systems can be had for no more than
> \$3000.
>

Similarly, there are many scientists out there who would say that only true science happens on unix machines, which excludes all Windows users

and now includes OS X users!

And what's with the \$3000? At CompUSA, they just had 533 Mhz G4 macs for slightly over \$1,000. Even with a cheap VGA monitor that you may already have unused around your home or office, this is more than enough computer for most needs. And please don't bring up any useless Mhz comparisons between platforms.

Martin Otte

(Also Dave, just a note from a former lurker that your web site is the first place that I go to when I have a question about IDL, and if IDL keeps mac support your book would probably be the thing that I buy when I graduate and get a real job!)
