
Subject: Re: Sun vs PC Linux - Anyone making the shift?
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> Why are inexpensive PC architectures beating pants off of Sun machines
that >cost twice as much (but not alphas)?

Because Sun can't scale their processors as quickly as AMD and Intel (their business model requires relatively long product cycles and lifetimes). Plus, they never had a superior design like the Alpha to begin with. That being said, their latest US-IIIcu procesor at 1050 competes quite well with the latest offerings from AMD and Intel. I don't think you can get the new cu processors in your SunBlade though.

Ace's SPECmine has the details:

<http://www.aceshardware.com/SPECmine/index.jsp>

FWIW we are sticking with our Sun for the foreseeable future. It may not be nearly as fast as our x86 machines but it is the core system in our lab and the price was worth it. OS maintenance is simple and the hardware has been flawless.

Speaking of price, you should really look into their .edu deals. We got our ultra-60 direct from Sun for a steal by trading in an old IPC!

-Rick
