
Subject: Re: Speed test on Mac G5, anyone?

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> It is too bad apple didn't submit SPEC CPU2000 results for the PPC G4 (at
> least I couldn't find them on the spec site. Maybe you can dig up some
> unofficial scores). While the SPEC CPU benchmarks they released for the PPC
> 970 should be taken with a shaker full of salt the comparison would be a
> start.

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From
<http://www.globetechnology.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20030625.gtsandyjune25/BNStory/Technology/>

Nice to see that they included Mathematica in the bake-off:

"What really matters, of course, is real world performance. Apple made its case on Monday with impressive benchmark test results and a series of live demos that pitted a dual-processor 2.0 GHz PowerMac G5 test system against two Intel-based computers: a 3.0 GHz Pentium 4 and a 3.06 GHz dual-processor Xeon system.

"Marketing demos are always chosen to highlight a product's best features. Past Apple "bake-off" tests have usually featured Adobe Photoshop doing difficult things with graphics, which played to the Mac's strengths. This time, however, the demos highlighted graphic performance (Photoshop), animation (Luxology), pro audio (Logic) and large-scale numerical problem solving (Mathematica).

"Wolfram Research co-founder Theo Gray concluded his demo of Mathematica with this observation: "The competition for [the PowerMac G5] is not PCs anymore. The competition for our customers is high-end workstations that cost twice as much. And it's faster than all of them, too."
