
Subject: Re: Platform recommendation/tradeoffs?
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In article <3mhc42\$6lt@mozo.cc.purdue.edu>, smithjp@sage.cc.purdue.edu
(Joseph Smith) wrote:

- > I am about to order some flavor of IDL (Mac or Unix) and
- > I'm wondering if anyone can help me gauge just how much performance
- > I loose by getting the Mac product. (This saves me enough money
- > to buy a Q630 cpu)

I have been pretty impressed with IDL running on a PowerMac 6100/60, which is the slowest (non-upgraded) PowerMac. That is in comparison with some IBM RS6000 and DEC Alpha workstations. I have not done any timing comparisons though. I'm not sure I would want it on a 68040 though. How about the new PPC 603e based Mac, the 5200 or whatever it's called? List price \$1599, I think.

Perhaps RSI has some comparison numbers?

Regards, Ken Bowman

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