
Subject: Re: NVIDIA Quadro FX 4000 Card (Any experience in using with IDL)
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Robert Gamble wrote:

> Greetings all,
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> I'm an IDL programmer at National Marine Fisheries and was wondering
> if anyone has had any experience using an NVIDIA Quadro FX 4000 card
> with IDL.

Hey Robert,

FWIW, I don't think it is worth dropping that kind of cash on a "professional" graphics adapter. The industry changes so fast that you'll get a lot more bang-for-buck dropping \$300/year on a card instead of \$2k every 3 years or so (unless Mike is willing to buy you a new Quadro each year :)

It would be nice if we could bench the Quadro/Geforce and FireGL/Radeon cards in IDL. Each of these products pairs are based on the same silicon. My suspicion is that the gain in performance over the equivalent consumer cards in IDL is small (10-15%).

Take all of this with a shaker of salt. The last quadro I worked with was based on the geforce 2 core. That being said, the way ATI and nVidia market these products hasn't changed.

Give me a shout if you have any questions.

-Rick works at NMFS too Towler
