
Subject: Re: Best platform for IDL 6.2?

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1990: Started using Sun workstations.

1993: Began using PV-WAVE.

1996: Switched from PV-WAVE to IDL.

2002: Bought iMac for home and working-at-home use.

Hmmm... this iMac (800MHz, G4) is no slower at flat-out number-crunching than my Sun Blade 1000.

Would be nice to sync filesystems at work and home using a FW drive.

Only, you can't. There are FW ports on the Sun Blade, but no drivers.

How dumb is that? Can I burn CDs/DVDs on the Sun? Yes, but it's a bother. Ever tried running Windows on the SunPCI card? Yuk!

2004: Finally! A twin G5 replaces my "state of the art" Blade 2000.

What a relief.

2005: A Powerbook arrives. I can now take *all* my work with me when I go to conferences: prepare/run simulations on the fly, post-process/analyze data with IDL, work on documents/presentations, etc. And it's a breeze to sync filesystems between the work desktop, the portable and the (home) iMac.

Really, it's no contest.

-John Mardaljevic
