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Subject: Re: Performance improvement on IDL 6.2 for Linux/MacOSX?

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Yes, you're right.

Actually, the performance of IDL in Linux is quite good, but still I was surprised to find the same code running a little bit slower than on the same Win computer. You can imagine what my shock was when I tested the same code on the G4! Probably same as yours...

I understand you have now a 6.2 version and it is still slow on OS X because of the lack of decent AltiVec support.

Anyway, IDL is stable and works just fine in both Linux and OSX -surely because of the Unix underneath-; I still cannot understand that the Mac OSX version of IDL is so much slower than the Wintel. OK, I can in terms of market demand, but still we are talking about a commercial product highly priced.

I guess Mac IDL users just must look forward to getting Intel chips soon.

Many thanks and best regards.

Marc

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