
Subject: Re: Dual Core Apple "MacBook", and RSI's Mac Intel plans

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JD Smith wrote:

> On Wed, 11 Jan 2006 08:33:49 -0500, Haje Korth wrote:

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>> Man, you really can't wait,huh? The words his Steveness spoke yesterday are
>> still echoing through the room and you are demanding applications. :-) (My
>> understanding from the blogs I read was that not even Apple has fully
>> converted all their apps.)

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> Well, whether I wait can or not, I'll have to, given my 1 yr old PB
> sitting on the desk. In terms of recommending to colleagues, I think
> "sometime in 2007" is a very poor answer. Had they poured effort into
> optimizing IDL for PowerPC with AltiVec, then I could understand it,
> and cut them some slack. Given that they did not (after making much
> ado about nothing), it is likely a relatively easy port, so waiting
> over a year to do it seems a bit... how shall we say... weak?

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> Scientists types love Macs, with their decent GUI, and all the BSD
> Unix trimmings. Those same scientists hate IDL's performance on the
> Mac, which is painfully slow, even compared to other laptops (i.e. my
> 4 yr old PIII laptop was faster at IDL than my current PB). This
> 2-processor MacBook offers the perfect solution. It really won't be a
> good choice to wait more than a year from the time they are available
> to first support them.

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> That said, RSI probably heard about the MacBook yesterday with
> everyone else, so perhaps are revising that strategy now. I suppose
> it all depends on whether the PPC IDL can run under Rosetta.

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> JD

Given that RSI won't port IDL/Solaris for Solaris x86, or IDL/Linux for Linux on
Itanium, I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for an them to do an "easy port" to
MacOS X on Intel.

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