Subject: Re: Dual Core Apple "MacBook", and RSI's Mac Intel plans
Posted by JD Smith on Wed, 11 Jan 2006 23:06:58 GMT
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On Wed, 11 Jan 2006 08:33:49 -0500, Haje Korth wrote:

> 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.)

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?

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.

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.

JD