
Subject: Re: rumor mill: intel-native IDL 6.3 in July
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henrygroe@gmail.com <henrygroe@gmail.com> wrote:

>
> I assume we're talking about Mac OSX.

Whoops, yes! Sorry if my omission of that confused anybody.

> I suppose you could install virtualization to run linux within OSX and
> install the linux version on that? (perish the painful thought, but
> that might be faster than PPC IDL running on OSX Intel; I don't have
> any Intel machines yet myself)

PPC IDL running on OSX Intel, even in emulation, is faster than PPC IDL on G4 Powerbooks, and nearly as fast as PPC IDL on G5s. (Well, at least it is according to benchmarking on one particular piece of code, the Keck OSIRIS data reduction pipeline. Other benchmarks may vary wildly, of course!)

- Marshall
