Subject: Re: OT: recommendations for high preformance workstations
Posted by Christopher Thom on Tue, 08 May 2007 19:17:25 GMT

Quoth Jean H.:

>> I am buying my next linux workstation, and other than dollars, are
>> there other parameters that I should take into account? My main
>> unknown is vendor. Our company likes Dell very much, but I wonder
>> whether HP or IBM machines are better engineered or built for
>> scientific computations.
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> hum... Dell... we have nothing but problems with them... every computer
> we have (a dozen) had some problems within 2 years of purchase
> (motherboard, fan, memory etc) and the service is worst than bad (in
> Canada at least)....

I would second that. I have had only terrible experiences with dell tech
support, both in the US and australia. They actually actively hindered me
from solving technical problems created by their cutting corners on
hardware.

They do often come out as the cheapest option...but do your homework
carefully, down to the chipset level at least. It may just have been a
confluence of unlucky circumstances for me, but i swore off buying their
computers. YMMV.

cheers
chris