
Subject: Re: Writing a very large file

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Hi Wayne,

these are the results I get on my old laptop

0	0.19904590
1	0.20663810
2	0.20261288
3	0.20232391
4	0.20302701
5	0.20535898
6	0.21716094
7	0.20427299
8	0.20487905
9	0.21450901
10	1.1617432
11	0.22542715
12	0.21031618
13	0.21396208
14	0.21563792
15	0.21073008
16	0.22037601
17	0.66201711
18	0.50106001
19	3.6788890
20	1.0018129

So every now and then it takes longer. I noticed that even after the IDL procedure finished the disk is still busy for while which indicates that the buffer is being flushed to disk. Another thing is whether DMA/UDMA is enabled which you can check/set with `hdparm`. But I think you would have noticed that already since without DMA the system is awfully slow.

regards,

Bringfried
