
Subject: Re: Anyone using insight, or idlde?
Posted by [Mirko Vukovic](#) on Thu, 03 Jul 1997 07:00:00 GMT
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In article <33BBAA0E.CD4@sg1.cr.usgs.gov>,
Jonathan Rogness <rogness@sg1.cr.usgs.gov> wrote:

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> mirko.vukovic@grc.varian.com wrote:
>>
>> I was at a local idl presentation (in the bay area) and was pretty
>> impressed with insight. It is indeed slow now, but wait 18 months,
>> and I bet the cpu's will start catching up.
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> I'm not sure we should be congratulating RSI for writing some code that
> runs slowly on today's machines but, given future technology, might be
> usable. Anybody can write code that's slow and inefficient; the trick
> is to write programs that are quick and useful!

Point well taken

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> My only experience with Insight came last week, when we finally got the
> upgrade to v5.0. I was anxious to see if everybody's complaints had
> been accurate. I started IDL, started insight, and then tried to open
> one of the example projects. Almost two minutes later, nothing had
> happened and I killed the process off.
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> This is running on a SGI Power Challenge supercomputer with 9
> processors, 640 MB of physical RAM and twice that in paging space. Now
> granted, there were (many) other users on the machine at the same time,
> but if it runs that slowly on this machine I have to believe that it's
> going to be more than 18 months before insight will run at a decent
> speed on, say, a Windows 95 machine.
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> Jon

I run on windows95 and 133MHz pentium and got the examples going in 15-20
seconds.

Mirko

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