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In article <gurman-3108991850570001@barkochba.nascom.nasa.gov>, gurman@gsfc.nasa.gov (Joseph B. Gurman) wrote:

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> In article <7qhb3j$qel$1@agate-ether.berkeley.edu>,
> korpela@highland.ssl.berkeley.edu (Eric J. Korpela) wrote:
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>> Let me guess, the PIII was running Windows.
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>> Eric
    Well, of course. (I don't think there's a LinuxPPC for the G4 yet, so
  a _real_ test wouldn't be possible --- even if RSI sold IDL for LinuxPPC.)
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    Still, the prototype ads they showed for the G4 were cute: "The DOD
  says we can;t export these to some countries because they're
  supercomputers" (i.e., the ancient 1 GFLOPS barrier).
>
    The G4 also runs a setiathome iteration in 6 hours, which isn't too
shabby.
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     See RSI's hype at:
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    http://www.rsinc.com/pressrelease/pr_083199.cfm.
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