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Subject: Re: rumor mill: intel-native IDL 6.3 in July  
Posted by [henrygrove](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2006 00:31:50 GMT  
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I assume we're talking about Mac OSX.

Something like that is what I was told on the phone a few weeks ago by a sales rep. (I think the exact words were 'later this summer'.)

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)

-Henry

Marshall Perrin wrote:

> I recently heard that RSI, no, wait, ITTVIS has informed one of my  
> colleagues that an Intel-native version of IDL 6.3 will be available  
> next month. Anyone care to confirm or deny?  
>  
> - Marshall

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Subject: Re: rumor mill: intel-native IDL 6.3 in July  
Posted by [Marshall Perrin](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2006 06:55:12 GMT  
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henrygrove@gmail.com <henrygrove@gmail.com> wrote:

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> I assume we're talking about Mac OSX.

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

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> 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

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