

# Re: Apple Computer sides with Satan

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On Sun, 05 Jun 2005 19:33:31 -0400, John Steinberg wrote:

>Pierre Vandevenne wrote:

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>> We've gone through this before ;-) If Apple is going x86, the main reason  
>> will be performance.

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>Of course we have. A new topic on s.a.a. would so upset the space time  
>equilibrium that Min might finally seek the professional help he needs  
>and people would stop top posting here.

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>Nonsense, my good man. The performance of the PPC vs. x86, on a MHz  
>comparison, is not even a good horse race. The PCC wins by several  
>furlongs.

Don't confuse x86 with Intel. There have been x86 clones for almost as long as there have been Intel x86 processors. The AMD Athlon 64 FX-55 is about 25% faster than the PowerPC G5 in integer math.

Of course, floating point is different. The G5 is about 50% faster than the FX-55 in floating point math.

The other offering of Intel, the Itanium 2 (which is not an x86 chip at all) is faster than the G5 as well, in both types of math (and at a lower clock speed), but slower in integer math (by a fair amount) than AMD's FX-55.

I don't much care what chips Apple uses. I like the hardware design overall, but their insistence on keeping it proprietary killed my interest (and that of many developers).

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- Mike

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