

## Re: OT: Wheeeeeee! New PSpice Benchmarks

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On Sun, 29 Aug 2004 16:17:46 +0000, Ken Smith wrote:

> *In article <pan.2004.08.29.15.01.37.677679@att.bizzzz>,  
> keith <krw@att.bizzzz> wrote:  
> [...]  
>>I've already started down that path. It's been bumpy but I decided when  
>>I went to Win2K three years ago that it was going to be my (first and  
>>last M\$ OS. When I put together this Opteron system, I went with SuSE  
>>9.1. I still have Win2K on the old system while I learn my way around.  
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> *LTSpice works under wine (you already knew that)**

Actually, I didn't. My Linux/Opteron system is a home machine and not intended to do anything other than learn Linux, at least for now. I use both Win2K and AIX at work, and the applications I use are pretty much handed me.

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> *The old DOS Orcad works under DOSEMU with a few problems. Their ESP  
> program is daft things in DOS land and they are still daft under Linux.*

I have OrCad 9.x, but I never considered trying it at home (no license).

> *Open Office works ok for most text and spreadsheet sorts of things. The  
> chart function of the spreadsheet is so slow as to be near useless. I  
> plan on learning to use gnuplot when I get a little time.*

Been there, it's OK. ...not perfect. Indeed the only \*application\* M\$ has ever produced that I like is Excell. The rest is pure garbage.

> *A couple of other useful tips:  
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> On any installed software, in a shell type "man nameofprogram". For the  
> good ones this displays the manual for the program. If the manual tells  
> you that the manual is obsolete and that you should use the "info"  
> system, the program is likely to work but may have a bug or two. If  
> there is no man page, it is very likely that the program is quite buggy.*

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I'm quite used to "man" pages, having done Unixisms for some time. Though I do find "man" pages rather terse and slightly better than useless if you don't know what they're saying. For instance