

# Re: Distributed Computing – counting prime numbers in $0 - 10^{15}$

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Bronson wrote:

maybe some of you could help me in becoming Master Of Science by participating in my project?  
All you have to do is download a program from this website <http://primes.go.pl> and leave it for its own. Site is in polish, you probably won't understand a thing, so here you have all info.  
This program finds how many prime numbers are in a specified range.

It has already been done. See

<http://numbers.computation.free.fr/Constants/Primes/Pix/pixproject.html>

It does not slow down your machine, because it has a low priority. It has also an autoupdate module, which makes automatic updates when necessary. This program is like Seti@Home project, but it runs all the time at a low priority, rather than as a screensaver.

A pointless effort.

Please explain what is new in what you are doing. You also need to explain why doing this work merits granting you a Master's Degree. You are simply re-inventing the wheel. I am surprised that your advisor allows it.

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