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Summary

The report provides details of a series of stress tests that cover processor integer and floating point calculations, cache and memory speeds, disk and other drives, including local network traffic, and graphics hardware. The programs can either be run standalone or multiple copies of any at the same time. Some detailed results are provided plus reference to more comprehensive reports. Links to download the test programs is provided, also the source code for those who wish to compile them for other systems or modify them for other purposes [No restrictions except use of existing or modified codes is at your own risk].

The programs are based on experience in designing and running stress programs, that were used for acceptance test purposes, on hundreds of computers purchased by the UK Government for Departments and Universities, including mainframes, minicomputers, mini-servers, workstations and supercomputers from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Objectives for these later programs are to automatically check results of numeric calculations or data comparisons, save results in a text based log file and, when appropriate, identify ongoing speed of operation and provide variable parameters to specify:

1. running time
2. which test or test functions to run
3. data size to test a particular cache or RAM in memory tests
4. different log files for running multiple copies of a program concurrently
5. interval for displaying and logging intermediate results

The programs are available, compiled for both 32 bit and 64 bit systems, to run under Windows or Linux, mainly with run time parameters that can be executed from a BAT or script file, to enable parallel operation of multiple tasks.

Integer Test - This memory/arithmetic exerciser comprises 8 write then read and 8 read only tests, using different hexadecimal data patterns, with arithmetic carried out by assembly code, arranged for fast data streaming. Performance is measured in MB/second and MIPS.

Floating Point Test - This is another memory/arithmetic exerciser but compiled to use SIMD SSE functions. Speed is measured in MFLOPS. achieving up to 6 per CPU MHz.

Drive Test - The program code is essentially the same as used in the acceptance trials mentioned above. Four files are written, sized in multiples of 10.3 MB, with data blocks comprising 164 different binary patterns, then read, with data checked, for a chosen time. Sequential reading is then repeated but with blocks selected randomly from the four files. Finally, each block from one file is read repetitively, normally involving data cached in main memory. Speed is measured in MB/second.

Graphics GPU Power Test - The test uses options available in my CUDA benchmark for GeForce graphics, carrying out floating point calculations at high speed.

Graphics Display Test - the range of display functions vary from simple coloured objects to a complex kitchen design application, produced using OpenGL Besides having options to select which function to run and running time, window size can also be specified and that can cover multiple screens. Note, for Linux, approval was given to Canonical to include this benchmark in the testing framework for the Unity desktop.

Introduction

In the late 1960s, I was head of the section, with up to 20 staff, responsible for designing and supervising acceptance trials of all UK Government purchased computers, including those centrally funded for universities, and personally handling those for the largest systems. Then, the tests mainly involved running engineering diagnostics, with limited user applications for scientific systems. The diagnostics were mainly functional tests, and user programs produced vast amounts of printed output. At that time, our Software Branch repeatedly asked "What are we going to do for testing these new Operating Systems?", without any suggestions.

In 1970, my responsibilities changed to technical appraisal and acceptance trials of scientific systems. Then, I sat down at a terminal and, in a short time, produced a series of Fortran programs to use in testing computers with multiprogramming Operating Systems. The 17 test programs comprised 5 for CPU, 4 for disk drive, 3 for magnetic tape drive, and one each for line printer, card reader, card punch, paper tape reader and paper tape punch. All had parameters to adjust the running time to the required 15 minutes, stand alone time, with built-in self checking or only a few lines of output to scrutinise. The exception was, of course, the line printer test with the usual variable patterns. The program naming convention was FO for Fortran, PR for processor etc., then the number, including FOPR00 to FOPR04 CPU tests. Later our [Whetstone Benchmark](#) was included as FOPR12. I never finished FOGP00, the graph plotter test. Anyway, the programs enabled thorough testing, via Operating Systems, with 100% CPU utilisation, up to 8 hours at a time, with significant concurrent activity on disk drives or magnetic tape units, plus adequate activity on the slow peripherals.

Listings of the Fortran programs are included in my book [Computer System Reliability/Roy Longbottom (Wiley series in computing), 1980], that also included details of the acceptance testing procedures. The first use of the programs was on an IBM 360/65 mainframe computer, in 1971. From 1972 to the 1990s, the programs were used on all system acceptance trials of scientific and commercial type computers. I also collected running time details of 134 different scientific mainframes and minicomputers as an aid to providing details of relative performance.

My personal involvement in designing and supervising acceptance test was for the larger scientific systems for Government Departments and Universities, including that IBM 369/65 and others including IBM 3860/85, IBM 360/195, Univac 1108, CDC 7600 and Ferranti-ICL Atlas II. By 1997. As reported in my book, there was a 62% pass rate on the last 400 system trials, 14% failures and 24% with a conditional pass. These included 100s of fault incident reports. In fact, the record was on one of mine with more than 100, mainly induced by my programs.

The Cray 1 supercomputer became available in the late 1970s, and one was ordered for the UK, when I took on the task of producing completely vectorisable versions of my processor tests. Fortunately, in 1978, serial 1 Cray 1B was available at the UK Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, enabling me to check out the programs for testing the new Cray 1A. A year later, a CDC Cyber 205 supercomputer was ordered, involving a repeated exercise. The latter was the first system I encountered with proven heat related failures. Both of these involved pre-delivery trials in the USA, followed by on-site testing.

The stress tests, used for acceptance test purposes, were designed to run under batch processing, normally for 15 minutes stand-alone time, with results checked manually. Objectives for later programs are to automatically check results of numeric calculations or data comparisons, save results in a text based log file and, when appropriate, identify ongoing speed of operation and provide variable parameters to specify:

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On modern systems, including PCs, tablets and smartphones, it can be useful to run stress testing programs to help to identify the reason for such as system failures or slow performance, with the most significant problems being heat related. On older systems, overheating tended to produce application or system failures. This can still apply on modern computers, but current designs incorporate facilities to avoid overheating by reducing the controlling clock speeds. Then failures can be avoided but, without warning, the systems might be running at half speed or less.

Then we have the battery powered devices where, again without warning, run slower as the battery discharges. Also there can be reliance on power saving options that only use maximum power, and introduce running at full speed, when really needed. This appears to be influenced by the controlling Operating Systems, that do not always control the functions correctly. An example in this report is the case where initial speed was slow when using a single processor core, but operated at maximum speed when a program was using multiple cores.

Below are details of a series of stress tests that cover processor integer and floating point calculations, cache and memory speeds, disk and other drives, including local network traffic, and graphics hardware. The programs can either be run standalone or multiple copies of any at the same time. Some detailed results are provided plus reference to more comprehensive reports. Links to download the test programs is provided, also the source code for those who wish to compile them for other systems or modify them for other purposes [No restrictions except use of existing or modified codes is at your own risk].

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DOS and Windows PC CPU Tests

The first stress tests produced for PCs were based on the acceptance test programs that were most successful in identifying faults. The best one for identifying intermittent CPU failures was FOPR02. This carries out the binomial expansion, then summation, of $(p + q)^n$, where $p + q = 1.0$, with numerous variations in the variables and multiplying each summation together, to produce a final result close to 1.0. With fixed parameters, the final result of different runs should be identical.

Then there was FOPR04, carrying out similar calculations, with an visibly obvious sumcheck, via various mathematical functions, next most effective CPU test, that also identified questions of different compilers, or CPU hardware, not producing identical results of calculations.

CPR4DOS.EXE was my first CPU stress test that included the binomial calculations with those from FOPR04, to run via DOS. This is available in [DOSTests.zip](#).

An example of results is below. Firstly, there is a run using fixed numbers of passes, with example sumchecks from early CPUs, showing some differences between 80486DX2 and Pentium calculations.

Next, the required minimum running time has to be entered. Verified results are then displayed and logged, for each pass, also running time difference as a guide to constant performance.

FPtest.exe, a real Windows version, was produced later and is available in [burn9xnt.zip \(Archive\)](#). The execution window has text entry boxes for minimum seconds per test (comprising multiple passes of initial run) and minimum repeat minutes.

An example of logged results is below (next page). Intermediate results are also displayed, at a slow flashing rate. Again note different sumchecks on the quoted PCs. A second set of results is also provided, to show that the program still runs on a more modern PC, with a Core i7 CPU and **Windows 10**, where sumchecks are the same as from an old Pentium processor. The benchmarks can also be run from a command prompt, where an extra parameter is available to specify the log file name, enabling multiple copies to be run.

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##### DOS Version #####

PR04 C++ Functions Test Copyright © Roy Longbottom 1997

Based on FOPR04 a TSU Acceptance Trials Program from another era

Functions          Answer          Sumcheck          Example Sumcheck
                   Pentium          80486DX2

Sin, Cos           0.999999999999445120      -5532      -5532      -5532
Exp, Tanh          1.00000000000012900       5776       5776       5776
Log, Exp           0.99999999999111260      -6174      -6174      -6789
Log10, Sqrt        1.00000000000002800       3440       3440       4263
Complex            0.99996001225587480       5038       5038       4551
Imag, Real         1.000000000000051100       4756       4756       4756
Max, Min           0.99999999999253160      -6210      -6210      -6210
Atan, Fmod         0.99999999999363160      -5941      -5941      -5508
Binomial           1.00000000000094100       4574       4574       4574

Time taken      83.70 seconds

Start at Thu Mar 20 09:30:25 1997
End   at Thu Mar 20 09:31:49 1997

Enter minimum run time minutes to check for consistent results 1

Extra pass 1 of 1

Functions          Answer          Sumcheck          Result
                   Pentium          80486DX2

Sin, Cos           0.999999999999445120      -5532      Result OK
Exp, Tanh          1.00000000000012900       5776      Result OK
Log, Exp           0.99999999999111260      -6174      Result OK
Log10, Sqrt        1.00000000000002800       3440      Result OK
Complex            0.99996001225587480       5038      Result OK
Imag, Real         1.000000000000051100       4756      Result OK
Max, Min           0.99999999999253160      -6210      Result OK
Atan, Fmod         0.99999999999363160      -5941      Result OK
Binomial           1.00000000000094100       4574      Result OK

Time taken      84.10 seconds      0.48 seconds difference from first run

Start at Thu Mar 20 09:32:30 1997
End   at Thu Mar 20 09:33:54 1997

***** 0 errors so far (see output file C092417.TXT)

Finished
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Windows Version

Floating Point Reliability Test Version 2.0 by Roy Longbottom

Windows NT Version 5.0, build 2195,
CPU AuthenticAMD Features Code 0183F9FF Model Code 00000630 950 MHz

Minimum 10 seconds per test and 5 minutes repeating tests

Start of test Sat Oct 6 14:49:30 2001

Functions	Answer	Sumcheck	Example Sumcheck		
			Athlon	Pentium	80486
Sin, Cos	1.0000000000000000	10	10	10	10
Exp, Tanh	1.00000000000002300	5681	5681	3697	4306
Log, Exp	1.00000000000305200	4346	4346	4508	4346
Log10, Sqrt	1.0000000000036600	5501	5501	4132	4680
Complex	0.99999600112830790	4976	4976	4976	4549
Imag, Real	1.00000000000005100	4258	4258	4258	4258
Max, Min	0.9999999999253160	5305	5305	5305	5305
Atan, Fmod	0.9999999999165060	6533	6533	5131	6063
Binomial	0.9999999998445720	5881	5881	5881	5881

Time taken for one pass 1.87 seconds

First tests SUMCHECKS same as Athlon

Repeat tests

123456789 Sat Oct 6 14:52:33 2001
123456789 Sat Oct 6 14:54:04 2001
123456789 Sat Oct 6 14:55:35 2001
123456789 Sat Oct 6 14:57:06 2001

Repeat tests time taken 6.08 minutes, 4 repeats

Consistent results obtained in passes of repeat tests

End of test Sat Oct 6 14:56:06 2001

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Floating Point Reliability Test Version 2.0 by Roy Longbottom

Windows NT Version 6.2, build 9200,
CPU GenuineIntel, Features Code BFEBFBFF, Model Code 000306E4, 3711 MHz

Minimum 10 seconds per test and 5 minutes repeating tests

Start of test Tue Nov 28 12:02:03 2017

Functions	Answer	Sumcheck	Example Sumcheck		
			Athlon	Pentium	80486
Sin, Cos	1.0000000000000000	10	10	10	10
Exp, Tanh	1.00000000000002400	3697	5681	3697	4306
Log, Exp	1.00000000000305100	4508	4346	4508	4346
Log10, Sqrt	1.0000000000035700	4132	5501	4132	4680
Complex	0.99999600112830790	4976	4976	4976	4549
Imag, Real	1.00000000000005100	4258	4258	4258	4258
Max, Min	0.9999999999253160	5305	5305	5305	5305
Atan, Fmod	0.9999999999165030	5131	6533	5131	6063
Binomial	0.9999999998445720	5881	5881	5881	5881

Time taken for one pass 0.51 seconds

First tests SUMCHECKS same as Pentium

Repeat tests

123456789 Tue Nov 28 12:03:34 2017
123456789 Tue Nov 28 12:05:04 2017
123456789 Tue Nov 28 12:06:34 2017
123456789 Tue Nov 28 12:08:04 2017

Repeat tests time taken 6.01 minutes, 4 repeats

Consistent results obtained in passes of repeat tests

End of test Tue Nov 28 12:08:04 2017

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DOS and Windows PC Drive Tests

The disk test is based on FODK01, used in acceptance trials, that wrote up to ten files, then read blocks from the files in random order. Each data block written comprised a particular binary pattern, intended to identify pattern conscious faults. The random reading order was restricted to a predetermined sequence. Besides inducing normal disk drive problems, this program identified two major design problems. The first was on a large IBM mainframe, with an early version of the MVT Operating System, where the the random access procedure could read data from the the wrong file. The second was on a CDC CYBER 205 supercomputer, where the data patterns were corrupted on the disk bus.

CDK1DOS.EXE writes four files, each of a minimum size of about 10 Mbytes. Block size is 64 KB and a different data pattern is written to 164 blocks. The files are then read sequentially twice and data compared with the appropriate pattern. Some random access is induced in one pass via reading the same block from the four files in a different sequence but the disk might minimise this via its buffer. Next each block is read a number of times where they likely to remain in the buffer and be read at maximum DMA speeds. This is also in [DOSTests.zip](#), that includes a more detailed description.

DiskTest.exe, the full Windows version, in [burn9xnt.zip \(Archive\)](#), writes four files using different data patterns for each block. The files are then read and data checked for a chosen time. The files are each read sequentially then all four sequentially but the blocks being selected from files randomly. Finally, each block from one file is read repetitively where the data will probably reside in the disk's buffer and reading will be at DMA speeds. The run time window has data entry boxes for file size, reading minutes and DMA seconds for each of 164 data patterns.

The benchmarks can be run from a command line, with an extra parameter for log file name, allowing multiple copies to be run (see ZIP files). They can also be executed from a remote local network system, to provide a network test. Below are generated data patterns and reading sequences, plus example DOS and Windows log files (20 years apart).

##### Data Patterns and Reading Sequence #####															
No.	Pattern	Or	No.	Pattern	Or	No.	Pattern	Or	No.	Pattern	Or	No.	Pattern	Or	No.
1	0	0	2	1	1	83	-1	fffffffd	84	-2	fffffffe	85	-3	fffffffb	86
3	2	2	4	4	4	85	-3	fffffffd	86	-5	fffffffb	87	-9	ffffffef	88
5	8	8	6	16	10	87	-9	fffffffd	88	-17	ffffffef	89	-33	ffffffbf	90
7	32	20	8	64	40	89	-33	fffffffd	90	-65	ffffffbf	91	-129	ffffff7f	92
9	128	80	10	256	100	91	-129	ffffff7f	92	-257	ffffffef	93	-513	ffffffdf	94
11	512	200	12	1024	400	93	-513	ffffffdf	94	-1025	ffffffbf	95	-2049	ffffff7f	96
13	2048	800	14	4096	1000	95	-2049	ffffff7f	96	-4097	ffffffef	97	-8193	ffffffdf	98
15	8192	2000	16	16384	4000	97	-8193	ffffffdf	98	-16385	ffffffbf	99	-32769	ffffff7f	100
17	32768	8000	18	65536	10000	99	-32769	ffffff7f	100	-65537	ffffffef	101	-131073	ffffffdf	102
19	131072	20000	20	262144	40000	101	-131073	ffffffdf	102	-262145	ffffffbf	103	-524289	ffffff7f	104
21	524288	80000	22	1048576	100000	103	-524289	ffffff7f	104	-1048577	ffffffef	105	-2097153	ffffffdf	106
23	2097152	200000	24	4194304	400000	105	-2097153	ffffffdf	106	-4194305	ffffffbf	107	-8388609	ffffff7f	108
25	8388608	800000	26	16777216	1000000	107	-8388609	ffffff7f	108	-16777217	ffffffef	109	-33554433	ffffffdf	110
27	33554432	2000000	28	67108864	4000000	109	-33554433	ffffffdf	110	-67108865	ffffffbf	111	-134217729	ffffff7f	112
29	134217728	8000000	30	268435456	10000000	111	-134217729	ffffff7f	112	-268435457	ffffffef	113	-536870913	ffffffdf	114
31	536870912	20000000	32	1073741824	40000000	113	-536870913	ffffffdf	114	-1073741825	ffffffbf	115	-2	fffffffe	116
33	1	1	34	5	5	115	-2	fffffffe	116	-6	fffffffa	117	-22	ffffffea	118
35	21	15	36	85	55	117	-22	ffffffea	118	-86	fffffffa	119	-342	ffffffea	120
37	341	155	38	1365	555	119	-342	ffffffea	120	-1366	ffffffaa	121	-5462	ffffffaa	122
39	5461	1555	40	21845	5555	121	-5462	ffffffaa	122	-21846	ffffffaa	123	-87382	ffffffaa	124
41	87381	15555	42	349525	55555	123	-87382	ffffffaa	124	-349526	ffffffaa	125	-1398102	ffffffaa	126
43	1398101	155555	44	5592405	555555	125	-1398102	ffffffaa	126	-5592406	ffffffaa	127	-22369622	ffffffaa	128
45	22369621	1555555	46	89478485	5555555	127	-22369622	ffffffaa	128	-89478486	ffffffaa	129	-357913942	ffffffaa	130
47	357913941	15555555	48	1431655765	55555555	129	-357913942	ffffffaa	130	-1431655766	ffffffaa	131	-4	fffffffc	132
49	3	3	50	51	33	131	-4	fffffffc	132	-52	ffffffcc	133	-820	ffffffcc	134
51	819	333	52	13107	3333	133	-820	ffffffcc	134	-13108	ffffffcc	135	-209716	ffffffcc	136
53	209715	33333	54	3355443	333333	135	-209716	ffffffcc	136	-3355444	ffffffcc	137	-53687092	ffffffcc	138
55	53687091	3333333	56	858993459	33333333	137	-53687092	ffffffcc	138	-858993460	ffffffcc	139	-8	ffffff8	140
57	7	7	58	455	1c7	139	-8	ffffff8	140	-456	ffffffe38	141	-29128	ffff8e38	142
59	29127	71c7	60	1864135	1c71c7	141	-29128	ffff8e38	142	-1864136	ffe38e38	143	-119304648	f8e38e38	144
61	119304647	71c71c7	62	15	f	143	-119304648	f8e38e38	144	-16	fffffff0f0	145	-3856	ffffff0f0	146
63	3855	f0f	64	986895	f0f0f	145	-3856	ffffff0f0	146	-986896	ffff0f0f0	147	-252645136	f0f0f0f0	148
65	252645135	f0f0f0f	66	31	1f	147	-252645136	f0f0f0f0	148	-32	ffffffe0	149	-31776	ffff83e0	150
67	31775	7c1f	68	32537631	1f07c1f	149	-31776	ffff83e0	150	-32537632	fe0f83e0	151	-64	fffffffc0	152
69	63	3f	70	258111	3f03f	151	-64	fffffffc0	152	-258112	fffc0fc0	153	-128	ffffff80	154
71	127	7f	72	2080895	1fc07f	153	-128	ffffff80	154	-2080896	ffe03f80	155	-256	ffffff00	156
73	255	ff	74	16711935	ff00ff	155	-256	ffffff00	156	-16711936	ff00ff00	157	-512	ffffffe00	158
75	511	1ff	76	1023	3ff	157	-512	ffffffe00	158	-1024	fffffc00	159	-2048	ffffff800	160
77	2047	7ff	78	4095	fff	159	-2048	ffffff800	160	-4096	ffffff000	161	-8192	ffffe000	162
79	8191	1fff	80	16383	3fff	161	-8192	ffffe000	162	-16384	ffffc000	163	-32768	ffff8000	164
81	32767	7fff	82	65535	ffff	163	-32768	ffff8000	164	-65536	ffff0000	165			
Sequences				File				Sequences				File			
1				0 1 2 3				11				2 1 0 3			
2				1 2 3 0				12				3 2 1 0			
3				2 3 0 1				13				0 1 2 3			
4				3 0 2 1				14				1 2 3 0			
5				0 2 1 3				15				2 3 0 1			
6				1 3 2 0				16				3 0 2 1			
7				2 0 1 3				17				0 2 1 3			
8				3 1 2 0				18				1 3 2 0			
9				0 3 1 2				19				2 0 1 3			
10				1 0 3 2				20				3 1 2 0			

Example Results

DOS Version

Disk test dk01 in C++ by Roy Longbottom Job D110732Z

Disk C Free disk space 1164.3 Mbytes will use 28.2

0.22 seconds for data generation and display

File writing starting on Tue Mar 18 11:07:50 1997

4 files written each 7389184 bytes (data*22)

8.57 seconds writing files at 3.29 MB/sec Tue Mar 18 11:07:59 1997

39.67 seconds read pass 1 at 0.71 MB/sec Tue Mar 18 11:08:39 1997

50.15 seconds read pass 2 at 0.56 MB/sec Tue Mar 18 11:09:30 1997

66.58 seconds read pass 3 at 0.42 MB/sec Tue Mar 18 11:10:37 1997

46.51 seconds read pass 4 at 0.61 MB/sec Tue Mar 18 11:11:23 1997

Finished Files Erased on Tue Mar 18 11:11:23 1997

Windows Version

Commands

DiskTest A[uto], M[B] bbbbbb, R[dmin] mmmm, D[MAsec] sssss, [L]og tttt.txt

Auto runs the program, logs the results and exits automatically

bbbbbb is MB per file - rounded up to multiples of 10.3 MB

mmmm is file reading time in minutes

sssss is seconds that each DMA run of 164 tests is repeated

tttt.txt is log file name, useful if multiple copies run

DiskTest Auto, MB 10, Rmin 1, DMAsecs 1, Log BatLog.txt

Disk Reliability Test Version 2.0 by Roy Longbottom

Windows NT Version 6.2, build 9200,

CPU GenuineIntel, Features Code BFEBFBFF, Model Code 000306E4, 3711 MHz

From GlobalMemoryStatus: Size 2097151 KB, Free 2097151 KB

Disk/partition 266239 MB, Free 128830 MB

File size 10.3 MB x 4 files, minimum reading time 1 minutes

Start of test Tue Nov 28 21:44:42 2017

File 1 10.3 MB written in 0.30 seconds

File 2 10.3 MB written in 0.27 seconds

File 3 10.3 MB written in 0.31 seconds

File 4 10.3 MB written in 0.28 seconds

Start reading Tue Nov 28 21:44:43 2017

Reading 168 x 10.3 MB in 1.00 minutes

42 read passes, 4 Files of 10.3 MB in 1.00 minutes

Start Repeat Read Tue Nov 28 21:45:43 2017

Passes in 1 second(s) for each of 164 blocks of 64KB:

500	560	560	560	560	560	560	520	540	560	560	540
520	540	540	560	560	520	460	520	520	560	540	560
580	580	560	500	500	520	560	560	560	560	580	580
580	560	520	560	540	540	560	520	520	540	560	560
560	560	560	560	560	560	540	500	560	580	580	540
580	560	540	500	560	540	520	560	520	560	580	580
480	500	520	560	540	580	540	540	580	580	540	580
580	560	560	560	560	540	560	500	520	580	540	560
560	560	560	560	560	540	580	580	560	500	520	560
560	560	560	540	560	540	540	520	540	560	560	560
560	520	540	500	560	580	580	540	480	560	520	500
560	560	540	560	580	520	520	580	560	500	560	560
560	580	560	580	600	540	500	560	560	540	560	560
500	520	560	500	560	560	560	500				

89840 read passes of 64KB blocks in 2.79 minutes

No errors found during reading tests

End of test Tue Nov 28 21:48:41 2017

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Livermore Loops Benchmark

Details and results of this benchmark can be found in [this ResearchGate PDF document](#). In its original form, it was found to produce the wrong results of numeric calculations on an overclocked PC. This lead to additional run time parameters being added to enable the program to be used as a stress test. Both 32 bit and 64 bit versions for Windows are included in [Win64.zip](#) with source code from [newsources.zip](#).

There are 24 Livermore Loops (kernels of numerical application) that are run three times with different data sizes. For a stress test a number, representing the running time of each loop, has to be added to the execution command (example lloops64.exe secs 5). For 5 seconds per loop, running time of 72 would be expected to be around 6 minutes. Further details can be found in [burnin4cpu.htm \(Archive\)](#).

The output of the stress test is indicated below, the three sections are displayed and checksum verified, with errors saved in the log file. The checksums can be different when the benchmark is produced by alternative compilers, but the displayed errors can be used to produce an alternative set of numbers to check. With no errors, the log file entries are as shown below.

Display as tests are running

Kernel No	Passes	E	No	Floating Pt ops Total	Secs.	MFLOPS	Span	Checksums	OK
1	28	x2148	5	1.299110e+010	4.98	2606.36	27	3.855104502494961e+001	16
2	46	x2541	4	8.228774e+009	5.04	1633.72	15	3.953296986903060e+001	16
3	37	x1949	2	6.230563e+009	5.03	1239.56	27	2.699309089320672e-001	16
4	38	x1943	2	3.544032e+009	5.00	709.31	27	5.999250595473891e-001	16
5	40	x 515	2	1.713920e+009	5.01	342.30	27	3.182615248447483e+000	16
6	21	x1610	2	2.596608e+009	5.02	517.20	8	1.120309393467088e+000	15
7	20	x1455	16	1.564416e+010	5.02	3113.69	21	2.845720217644024e+001	16
8	9	x1084	36	1.461059e+010	5.10	2862.39	14	2.960543667875005e+003	15
9	26	x1193	17	1.265534e+010	5.02	2522.64	15	2.623968460874251e+003	16

To
24 three times

Log File

Reliability test 5 seconds each loop x 24 x 3

Part 1 of 3 start at Tue Apr 5 12:53:14 2011

Part 2 of 3 start at Tue Apr 5 12:55:11 2011

Part 3 of 3 start at Tue Apr 5 12:57:11 2011

Numeric results were as expected

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Windows Integer Stress Tests

BusSpeed reliability test is run using **BusSpd2k.exe** benchmark that can be found in [busspd2k.zip](#). The program can be run by entering details in the test window for data size, in KB, to suit caches or RAM, and seconds to run each test, of 12 for the later version. Alternatively, it can be run via BAT files, examples of which are in the ZIP file. This has an additional parameter for the log file name, to allow multiple copies of the program to be run. Further details are provided in [burnin32.htm \(Archive\)](#).

The program uses assembly code and eight 64 bit MMX registers. The original version had six tests to write and read the data multiple times, with a different data pattern for each test. For every other pass, an inverse binary pattern is used (e.g. repeated hex A5 and 5A). A later version included six additional read only tests. Reading involves adding and subtracting, where the final result should be the same as the original. This is checked after multiple passes and the first few wrong results reported for each pattern. The aim is to produce maximum data transfer and calculation speeds.

Note MB/second for the first tests is for writing and reading, where bus data traffic would be twice that.

Below are examples of results of versions 1 and 2, from the same system. I think that it was overclocked and that was responsible for the identified failures.

IntBurn64.exe has the same Windows interface as the reliability section for BusSpd2k and, essentially, the same C/C++ code, but assembly code operating on normal 64 bit registers. The benchmark and source codes can be found in [more64bit.zip](#), with further details and results in [burnin64.htm \(Archive\)](#). Along with other stress testing programs, IntBurn64 can be used for a memory paging test. See: [paging.htm \(Archive\)](#).

The logged output from IntBurn64 is the same as that from BusSpd2k stress test function, with an additional indication of maximum processing speed in MIPS, derived from the known instruction count in the assembly code used. The program also has a run time command parameter to define four different screen positions for main windows, enabling clear display of multiprocessor activity. For more details [see the next page](#).

None of the HTM reports, for these integer Windows benchmarks, identified particularly high temperatures. but see [Linux tests](#) below. However, they did identify some problems, including a memory fault, where the often recommended Memtest86 failed to identify it, after running for hours. For this particular fault, I came to the conclusion that my tests were transferring data at a much faster speed, probably as data comparisons are carried out after numerous calculations.

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BusSpd2k RAM Reliability Test Version 1

1	960 MB/sec	Pattern 0000000000000000	Result OK	2 passes
2	930 MB/sec	Pattern FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	Result OK	2 passes
3	965 MB/sec	Pattern A5A5A5A5A5A5A5A5	Result OK	2 passes
4	964 MB/sec	Pattern 5555555555555555	Result OK	2 passes
5	963 MB/sec	Pattern 3333333333333333	Result OK	2 passes
6	963 MB/sec	Pattern F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0	Result OK	2 passes

Example Errors

1	966 MB/sec	Pattern 0000000000000000	Result OK	2 passes
2	925 MB/sec	Pattern FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	Result OK	2 passes
3	963 MB/sec	Pattern A5A5A5A5A5A5A5A5	Result OK	2 passes

ERROR found checking data after generation - Test 4
147456K 4 byte words checked and 16 errors found
First 12 errors
Pattern 55555555 Was 555555A5 Word 57358593
11 More (not shown here)

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BusSpd2k L1 Cache Reliability Test Version 2

Write/Read

1	2046 MB/sec	Pattern 0000000000000000	Result OK	1248737 passes
2	2052 MB/sec	Pattern FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	Result OK	1252555 passes
3	2055 MB/sec	Pattern A5A5A5A5A5A5A5A5	Result OK	1254052 passes
4	2053 MB/sec	Pattern 5555555555555555	Result OK	1253050 passes
5	2054 MB/sec	Pattern 3333333333333333	Result OK	1253647 passes
6	2052 MB/sec	Pattern F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0	Result OK	1252231 passes

Read

1	7345 MB/sec	Pattern CCCCCCCCCCCCCC	Result OK	8966800 passes
2	7340 MB/sec	Pattern 0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F	Result OK	8959600 passes
3	7343 MB/sec	Pattern A5A5A5A5A5A5A5A5	Result OK	8964300 passes
4	7340 MB/sec	Pattern 5555555555555555	Result OK	8960700 passes
5	7347 MB/sec	Pattern 3333333333333333	Result OK	8968400 passes
6	7340 MB/sec	Pattern F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0	Result OK	8960400 passes

Example Errors - slow speed, overheating?

Write/Read

1	2051 MB/sec	Pattern 0000000000000000	Result OK	250363 passes
2	666 MB/sec	Pattern FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF ERROR		

1K 4 byte words checked and 1 errors found
1 errors
Pattern FFFFFFFF Was 00000000 Word 14

Windows Multiprocessor Integer Stress Tests

Details of multiprocessor stress tests can be found in [dualcore.htm](#), [burnin4cpu.htm](#) and [quad_core_8_thread.htm](#). Following are some results that suggest tests that might be required, to produce maximum stress on a modern system. These relate to a quad core CPU with hyperthreading (identified as 8 cores), plus four channel high speed RAM. Firstly, an example of commands to run four IntBurn64 tests concurrently, then an example of logged data for one test.

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Example BAT file commands to test four CPUs:

```
Start IntBurn64 KB 100000, Secs 5, auto, P1, Log ITestx1.txt
Start IntBurn64 KB 100000, Secs 5, auto, P2, Log ITestx2.txt
Start IntBurn64 KB 100000, Secs 5, auto, P3, Log ITestx3.txt
Start IntBurn64 KB 100000, Secs 5, auto, P4, Log ITestx4.txt
```

#####

Single 100 MB Memory Test, average GB/second 12.3 Write/Read 16.8 Read

64 Bit Integer Reliability Test Version 1.2 for 64 bit OS

Test 100000 KB at 5 seconds per test, Start at Fri Dec 01 16:59:41 2017

```
Write/Read
1 12101 MB/sec Pattern 0000000000000000 Result OK 299 passes
2 12294 MB/sec Pattern 0000000000000000 Result OK 304 passes
3 12300 MB/sec Pattern A5A5A5A5A5A5A5A5 Result OK 305 passes
4 12298 MB/sec Pattern 5555555555555555 Result OK 305 passes
5 12295 MB/sec Pattern CCCCCCCCCCCCCC Result OK 304 passes
6 12295 MB/sec Pattern 0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F Result OK 304 passes
Max 2595 64 bit MIPS
Read
1 16818 MB/sec Pattern 0000000000000000 Result OK 880 passes
2 16815 MB/sec Pattern FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF Result OK 880 passes
3 16804 MB/sec Pattern A5A5A5A5A5A5A5A5 Result OK 880 passes
4 16690 MB/sec Pattern 5555555555555555 Result OK 825 passes
5 16726 MB/sec Pattern 3333333333333333 Result OK 880 passes
6 16808 MB/sec Pattern F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0 Result OK 880 passes
Max 2496 64 bit MIPS
```

Minimum seconds - generate/check data 0.0165363, compare 0.0073533

Reliability Test Ended Fri Dec 01 17:00:44 2017

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Quad Core 8 Thread 3.7 GHz, Turbo 3.9 GHz, Core i7 CPU 4 Channel RAM Maximum Speed 51.2 GB/second

Four 100 MB Memory Tests

	1	2	3	4	All	1 Test	Gain
R/W MIPS	1418	1442	1501	1441	5802	2595	2.24
R/W MB/s	6637	6734	9973	6698	30041	12264	2.45
Rd MIPS	1499	1501	1503	1475	5978	2496	2.40
Rd MB/s	9934	9973	10037	9871	39815	16777	2.37

CPU MIPS for One, Four and Eight CPU Tests at 8 KB L1 Cache Size

Tests	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Gain
1 R/W	5682								5682	
Rd	6096								6096	
4 R/W	5471	5465	5542	5597					22075	3.89
Rd	5681	5918	5708	6052					23359	3.83
8 R/W	3665	3675	3668	3591	3665	3611	3667	3652	29194	5.14
Rd	3306	3346	3323	3413	3356	3549	3373	3330	26996	4.43

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Windows Floating Point Stress Tests

SSE3DSoak.exe uses assembly code SSE, SSE2 or 3DNow Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD) floating point instructions to soak test the CPU, Cache or RAM at high speeds whilst checking results for correct values. SSE, SSE2 and 3DNow Run buttons are provided for separate CPU, Cache and RAM tests. The program produces 1024 random floating point numbers used in all tests. For the CPU test, 32 add or multiply instructions manipulate a few at a time from registers within a loop. The Cache test uses the same 32 instructions but with data from L1 cache within the main loop. The RAM test is biased towards fast data transfer and can also use cache sized data. Every fifth pass the memory is filled with 16 or 32 of the random numbers with the first set being read and checked for correctness. The main loop uses 8 load/add and 8 load/subtract instructions to produce a sum check of zero. CPU and Cache tests check that results are the same as the first pass which also calibrates the testing loops to run for up to one second (on a fast CPU).

Drop down lists are provided to select running time (1 minute to 24 hours), and memory size used, between 4 KB and 4 MB for cache tests and 4 KB to 1024 MB for RAM tests (to test using data in L1 cache, L2 cache or RAM). An example of the log file is shown below. Further details can be found in [burnin32.htm \(Archive\)](#) with the benchmark and source code in [sse3dnow.zip](#).

SSEburn64.exe uses the same Windows test panel and assembly code instructions as SSE3DSoak, excluding AMD 3DNow functions, and compiled for 64 bit operation. The program code and execution file are in [more64bit.zip](#). Below is an example of commands to run four copies of the benchmark at the same time, followed by performance details using one and four CPUs. More information and results are provided in [burnin64.htm \(Archive\)](#). See [Linux tests](#) for details of excessive CPU temperatures whilst running stress tests. Below is an example of what might be expected on a PC, running SSEburn64, in good working condition and in a cool environment (quad core 3 GHz Phenom II - measurement does not represent an actual temperature but is a relative reading that can be used for thermal management, with a maximum value is 70°C).



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SSE CPU Test at 5 minutes Example Log File

1.01 Minutes at 14558 MFLOPS, No Errors
2.00 Minutes at 14754 MFLOPS, No Errors
3.01 Minutes at 14821 MFLOPS, No Errors
4.00 Minutes at 14854 MFLOPS, No Errors
5.01 Minutes at 14874 MFLOPS, No Errors

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3.9 GHz Core i7 Example BAT File Commands

Start SSEBurn64 SSE, Cache, KB 128, Mins 5, auto, P1, Log Testx1.txt
Start SSEBurn64 SSE, Cache, KB 128, Mins 5, auto, P2, Log Testx2.txt
Start SSEBurn64 SSE, Cache, KB 128, Mins 5, auto, P3, Log Testx3.txt
Start SSEBurn64 SSE, Cache, KB 128, Mins 5, auto, P4, Log Testx4.txt

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		L1	L2	L3	L3	RAM	RAM
		4 KB	128 KB	Wrt/Rd	Read	Wrt/Rd	Read
		Cache	Cache	2 MB	2 MB	64 MB	64 MB
	CPU			Memory	Memory	Memory	Memory
	MFLOPS	MFLOPS	MFLOPS	MB/sec	MB/sec	MB/sec	MB/sec
SSE	14558	23217	23290	18894	34158	13286	18950
SSE2	7485	11462	11618	20294	34158		
SSE CP1		21962		9162	29771	7291	11566
SSE CP2		29771		2783	29452	7033	11619
SSE CP3		22040		5003	30301	7371	10032
SSE CP4		21766		10432	29817	7074	10683
Total 4 CPUs		95539		27380	119341	28769	43900
Performance Gain		4.12		1.45	3.49	2.17	2.32

Windows Graphics Stress Tests

CUDA MFLOPS - CUDA, from nVidia, provides programming functions to use GeForce graphics processors for general purpose computing. It can produce outstanding speeds in MFLOPS, as demonstrated by my benchmarks, described in my [CUDA MFLOPS Benchmarks.pdf](#) report, that also contain results. The benchmarks have run time parameters that determine which test to run, number of threads to use, testing duration in minutes and reporting rate in seconds. Examples of running the single and double precision versions are in [cuda1.htm](#) and [cuda2.htm](#) respectively. The benchmarks and source codes are in [gigaflops-benchmarks.zip](#).

Below is an example of results on a PC with a Phenom II X4 3.0 GHz CPU, 64-Bit Windows 7 and a GeForce GTS 250 graphics card, from a near ten minute test, where GPU temperature was noted. Here, performance was constant, over the period, with up to a 30°C temperature increase.

```
CUDA MFLOPS Benchmark 1.1 Mon Nov 09 11:11:31 2009

CUDA devices found
Device 0: GeForce GTS 250  with 16 Processors 128 cores

Using 256 Threads

Calculate      Reliability Test 10 minutes, report every 15 seconds

Repeat CUDA 761 times at 1.52 seconds. Repeat former 9 times

Results of all calculations should be 0.741250

Test  4 Byte  Ops/  Repeat  Seconds  MFLOPS   Errors   First   Value
      Words  Word   Passes
1    10000000  32    6849   13.736   159563   None found
2    10000000  32    6849   13.732   159605   None found
3    10000000  32    6849   13.730   159623   None found
4    10000000  32    6849   13.730   159629   None found
5    10000000  32    6849   13.734   159575   None found
6    10000000  32    6849   13.732   159607   None found
to
40   10000000  32    6849   13.753   159362   None found

Minutes      0  0.5  1.0  1.5  2.0  3.0  4.0  5.0  6.0  7.0  8.0  9.0
Temperature °C 42  59  63  67  69  71  71  72  72  71  70  71
```

VideoD3D9 Benchmark has run time parameters, enabling it to be used as a stress test, with 64 bit and 32 bit versions available. Details of VideoD3D9_64, VideoD3D9_32 are provided in [this PDF report](#) and can be downloaded in [Windows-Graphics-Benchmarks.zip](#).

Below are commands to run SSEBurn64 and VideoD3D9_64 in stress testing mode, followed by example results, reported at intervals of around 1 minute. An example of CPU and GPU temperatures obtained are provided in [burnin64.htm \(Archive\)](#), along with other details and test results.

Commands

```
Start SSEBurn64 SSE2, Cache, KB 4, Mins 10, auto, P3, Log T11.txt
Start VideoD3D9_64 Auto, Test 6, Width 640, Height 480, P1, Secs 600, Log T21.txt
```

SSE2 Cache Test Results

```
1.00 Minutes at 2174 MFLOPS, No Errors
2.01 Minutes at 2189 MFLOPS, No Errors
3.00 Minutes at 2195 MFLOPS, No Errors
4.00 Minutes at 2197 MFLOPS, No Errors
5.00 Minutes at 2199 MFLOPS, No Errors
6.01 Minutes at 2199 MFLOPS, No Errors
7.02 Minutes at 2201 MFLOPS, No Errors
8.01 Minutes at 2180 MFLOPS, No Errors
9.00 Minutes at 2164 MFLOPS, No Errors
10.00 Minutes at 2152 MFLOPS, No Error
```

DirectX9 D3D Test Results

```
665.9 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
653.4 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
651.1 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
650.6 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
651.6 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
652.5 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
648.0 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
740.0 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
744.1 Frames Per Second over 60 seconds
680.3 Frames Per Second Overall
```

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Linux Versions

Most of the benchmarks and source codes for 32 bit and 64 bit compilations are available in [linux burn-in apps.tar.gz](#), with more details and results in [linux burn-in apps.htm \(Archive\)](#). These are all run from Terminal commands or shell scripts.

PC Drive Tests - drivestress32 and drivestress64 ([See](#)). Run time commands are somewhat different to the Windows version, as shown below.

```
L - log file number N for IOStressN.txt      M - Minutes to read all files
S - Seconds to read each block of 1 file     R - file size Repeat multiplier x 10.25 MB
F - File path for drive or partition         C - Use Linux RAM based File Cache
```

Example: `./drivestress64 Log 0, Mins 2, Secs 1, Repeats 1, FilePath ~/all64/burndis`

Livermore Loops - lloops and lloops_64 ([See](#)). An example command to define the running time of each of the 72 loops is `./lloops_64 secs 5`.

Integer Stress Tests - intburn32 and intburn64 ([See](#)). An example of shell script commands to run multiple copies is shown below. In this case (with Ubuntu), the commands can define terminal window sizes and position.

The [linux burn-in apps.htm](#) report includes results of **Paging/Swapping Tests**, where data transfer speed varied between 9 and 5000 MB/second.

Example Shell Script Commands

```
xterm -geometry 80x25+10+10 -e ./intburn64 KBytes 4, Secs 5, Log 1 &
xterm -geometry 80x25+600+10 -e ./intburn64 KBytes 4, Secs 5, Log 2 &
xterm -geometry 80x25+10+500 -e ./intburn64 KBytes 4, Secs 5, Log 3 &
xterm -geometry 80x25+600+500 -e ./intburn64 KBytes 4, Secs 5, Log 4
```

CUDA Graphics Stress Tests - cudamflops32SP and cudamflops64SP ([See above](#)) and [CUDA MFLOPS Benchmarks.pdf](#). Run time commands are somewhat different to the Windows version, as shown in [linux burn-in apps.htm \(Archive\)](#). The CUDA benchmark source codes can be found in [linux cuda mflops.tar.gz](#). Below is an example of GPU temperature rises, running a CUDA and three CPU stress tests.

Quad Core 3.0 GHz Phenom, GeForce GTS 250 running 3hree CPU tests plus

CUDA command - `xterm -e ./cudamflops32SP Mins 10, FC`

Minute	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rise
	----- °C -----											
GPU	48	69	74	75	75	76	76	76	76	76	76	28

OpenGL Graphics Stress Tests - videogl32, videogl64 ([See](#)). - Benchmarks and source codes are in [linux-graphics-benchmarks.tar.gz](#) with more details in [My Graphics Benchmarks.pdf report](#) and [linux opengl benchmarks.htm \(Archive\)](#). Following are details of a test on a CPU with Hyperthreading (4 core 8 threads), running videogl64 at the same time and 8 CPU stress tests.

Note, approval was given to Canonical to include this benchmark in the testing framework for the Unity desktop.

Script for Core i7 3.7 to 3.9 GHz CPU, GeForce GTX 650

```
./burninsse64 KWords 5, Section 3, Minutes 10, Log 1, &
./burninsse64 KWords 5, Section 3, Minutes 10, Log 2, &
./burninsse64 KWords 5, Section 3, Minutes 10, Log 3, &
./burninsse64 KWords 5, Section 3, Minutes 10, Log 4, &
./intburn64 Log 5, KBytes 4, Seconds 50 &
./intburn64 Log 6, KBytes 4, Seconds 50 &
./intburn64 Log 7, KBytes 4, Seconds 50 &
./videogl64 Width 1920, Height 800, Mins 10, Test 4
```

		Average MB/Second										
		Stand Alone	Test Speed			Ratio						
burninsse64		23485	62789			2.67						
intburn64 Wr/Rd		25094	44420			1.77						
intburn64 Rd		40874	77916			1.91						
videogl64 FPS		1128	850			0.75						

Minute	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rise
	----- °C -----											
CPU	30	54	58	61	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	32
GPU	30	42	45	46	47	48	48	48	48	49	50	20

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Linux Floating Point Stress Tests

The 64 bit and 32 bit tests, **burninsse32** and **burninsse64**, are based on the OpenMP benchmark described in [openmp mflops.htm \(Archive\)](#), where the program compiled without OpenMP directives ran very fast, due to the GCC compiler generating optimised code using SSE instructions. Here, the arithmetic operations executed are of the form $x[i] = (x[i] + a) * b - (x[i] + c) * d + (x[i] + e) * f$ with 2, 8 or 32 operations per data word. Below are details of run time parameters, a script to test 4 CPUs and results.

Run Time Parameters

S or Section 1, 2 or 3 for 2, 8 or 32 operations per word
L or Logfile number N = 0 to 99 for name logN.txt
K or KW or KWords cache or RAM data words used
M or Minutes for running time

Results are reported every 15 seconds

Example Script to test four CPUs on 3.9 GHz Core i7

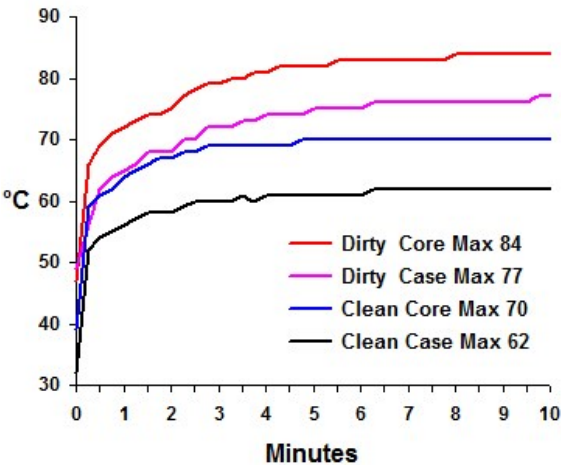
```
xterm -geometry 80x25+10+10 -e ./burninsse64 KW 2, Section 3, Mins 1, Log 1 &
xterm -geometry 80x25+600+10 -e ./burninsse64 KW 2, Section 3, Mins 1, Log 2 &
xterm -geometry 80x25+10+500 -e ./burninsse64 KW 2, Section 3, Mins 1, Log 3 &
xterm -geometry 80x25+600+500 -e ./burninsse64 KW 2, Section 3, Mins 1, Log 4
```

Example Results for one test, others almost identical

Pass	4 Byte Words	Ops/ Word	Repeat Passes	Seconds	MFLOPS	First Results	All Same
1	2000	32	5487500	15.00	23410	0.352167547	Yes
2	2000	32	5487500	15.00	23407	0.352167547	Yes
3	2000	32	5487500	15.01	23404	0.352167547	Yes
4	2000	32	5487500	15.01	23404	0.352167547	Yes

As reported in [linux burn-in apps.htm \(Archive\)](#), this test revealed a number of heat related problems. The first, reported here, was on a desktop PC, with a core 2 duo CPU, where CPU temperatures using Windows applications appeared to be high. This was confirmed by running burninsse32, although performance was not reduced over the test period. On opening the PC case, the CPU heatsink was found to be clogged up with dust. After blowing out the dust with a compressed air spray, the Linux tests were rerun and measured maximum temperatures were 14°C to 15°C lower, as shown on the right.

However, further tests revealed a problem associated with Ubuntu's Frequency Scaling Monitor. When set as "On-Demand", on running one copy, speed was reduced at the start, with CPU GHz indicated as 1.6. Yet, running with two copies, CPU MHz ran at 2.4 GHz continuously, with proportional increase in MFLOPS speed.



Another problem was on a laptop, again with a Core 2 Duo PC. This overheated after booting, causing the CPU to run at less than half speed. Unlike using Windows, with power on to Ubuntu, initial CPU temperatures were high with the fan not appearing to run as fast as it might. On one occasion, the system turned off the power in the middle of a test. Sometimes the laptop started at a lower temperature and did not overheat, with the fan apparently running at high speed.

Below are speeds and recorded temperatures of tests using data from L1 and L2 caches, showing worse than half speed operation at high temperatures.

Words Ops/wd	5K		5K		100K		100K		Later near constant speed		higher		°C rises	
	2		32		2		32		5K	5K	100K	100K	5K	100K
	MFLOPS	°C	MFLOPS	°C	MFLOPS	°C	MFLOPS	°C	MFLOPS	MFLOPS	MFLOPS	MFLOPS	MFLOPS	MFLOPS
Minute	°C	x2	°C	x2	°C	x2	°C	x2	°C	x2	°C	x2	°C	x2
0	65		65		65		65		51	51	51	51		
0.5	96	4716	91	10168	85	3639	95	9135	70	4662	73	9344	72	3150
1	98	3362	94	4756	89	3630	94	4416	75	4627	78	9513	77	3351
1.5	91	2076	87	4443	91	3636	91	4347	78	4446	81	9520	80	3512
2	87	2054	86	4452	91	3631	89	4403	81	4520	83	9526	81	3274
2.5	85	2054	85	4235	92	3632	87	4457	82	4654	84	9635	83	3426
3	84	2036	84	4237	93	3630	85	4384	83	4378	85	9631	84	3385
3.5	82	3098	83	4376	93	3642	85	4404	84	4198	86	9639	85	3389
4	89	4773	83	4420	94	3626	84	4439	84	4644	87	9560	85	3214
Max	98	4773	94	10168	94	3642	95	9135	84	4662	87	9639	85	3512
Min	65	2036	65	4235	65	3626	65	4347	51	4198	51	9344	51	3150
Diff	33	2737	29	5933	29	16	30	4788	33	464	36	295	34	362

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