Test computer performance

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Capability: The computer-measurement software SPEC CPU2006 has been upgraded to version 1.1. It evaluates system performance by representing typical user operation. Updated features include new code that makes it easier to move the benchmarking setup from one system to another without recompiling. A parallel setup feature makes setup faster on multicore, multithreaded systems than with past systems. Also new is a utility that removes run-rule checks, which provides greater flexibility in development work, according to the vendor.

Hardware: PC running Windows or Unix operating systems.

Developer: Standard Performance Evaluation Corp., 6585 Merchant Place, Suite 100, Warrenton, VA 20187; (540) 349-7878; fax (540) 349-5992; www.spec.org.

Cost: Free to current version 1.0 license holders; $800 for new customers; $400 for upgrades from the original SPEC CPU2000; $200 for qualified nonprofit organizations and accredited educational institutions.

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