

IBM continues to set the pace for TPC-C price/performance

November 5, 2001 ... IBM® today published the lowest price/performance result ever achieved with the TPC Benchmark C. This new IBM result, which ranks number one in the Top Ten TPC-C by Price/Performance, surpasses the price/performance achieved by a similarly configured system from Dell Computer Corporation.

The IBM *@server* x250 achieved performance of 15,533.72 tpmC at a price/performance of \$4.67/tpmC with TPC-C, Version 5.0. The total solution availability is November 5, 2001. The xSeries 250 server used two Intel® 700MHz/2MB(1) Pentium® III Xeon™ processors and ran Microsoft® SQL Server 2000 Standard Edition and Microsoft Windows® 2000 Server.

The Dell PowerEdge 2500, configured with one 1.13GHz/512KB Pentium III processor, and running Microsoft® SQL Server 2000 Standard Edition and Microsoft Windows® 2000 Server, achieved performance of 11,320.02 tpmC at a price/performance of \$4.70/tpmC with availability of October 31, 2001.

The executive summaries for these results as well as information about the TPC-C benchmark can be found at the Transaction Processing Performance Council (TPC) Web site at www.tpc.org.

Specific information about IBM products, services and support is located at ibm.com.

(1) MHz only measures microprocessor internal clock speed; many factors affect application performance.

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