

Power.org Moscow. Pegasos PowerPC based computers mini-presentation report.



The day has begun from we preparing the presentation stand near the registration table. Our stand was consisting of two ODWs, one of them in original configuration and other one in more roomy case with extended memory and some additional hardware.

There were not so many visitors and mainly they all were busy listening to lecturers, but at breaks some of them periodically came up to our stand and interested what we are showing.



One of ODWs was busy showing presentational videos of Genesi and ODW. Other was demonstrating Debian PPC and MorphOS 1.4.5.



At morning we had a conversation with Tanaz Sowdagar (PowerPC Marketing, IBM). She asked some questions, mainly about the price of ODW. Also she was interested in how much is the interest in Pegasos in Russia. The Russian visitors were not so much interested in our presentation and asked only few questions.



While demonstrating MorphOS there were some funny moments. Russian visitors who mainly saw only Windows systems and slightly less Linux systems were surprised by some things that we, MorphOS users, are almost not notice. For example, they were surprised by April from #AmigaZeux. Almost everyone who saw it asked where could he download or buy such a program.

After the midday we've met Jens Osterkamp (IBM Boeblingen lab) and asked almost the same questions which asked Tanaz. Mainly he was interested in the price and supported operational systems. Also he asked to show him the internals of ODW and then we had a curious thing. He touched the radiator of CPU fan and got hot. As the result we had understood that the fan is not working at all and the ODW worked with stopped cooling fan for almost half a day. We had to switch it off and use to show the internals of ODW.

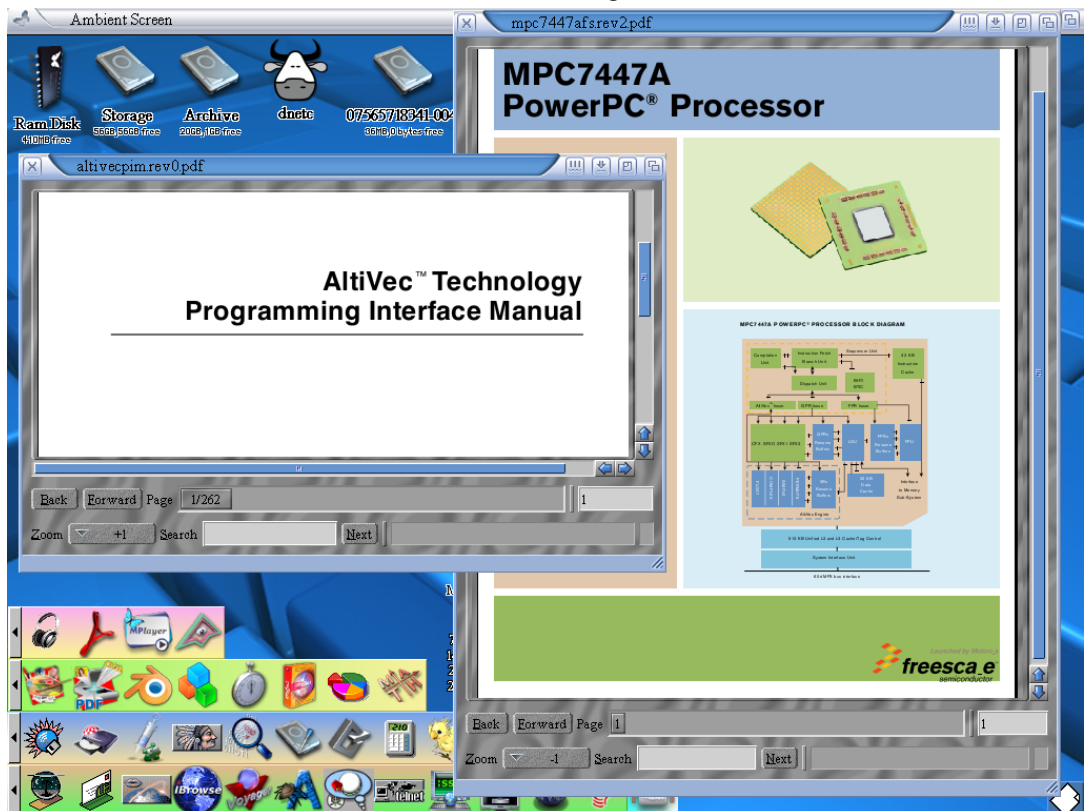


We must admit that fan was completely stuck with dust and we want to ask Genesi in future to foresee the thermal control support and CPU fan speed control support. As we know there is a thermal support in MPC7447A, used in ODW, so everything we need is to write a corresponding program.

During the seminar we demonstrated several MorphOS programs. Besides April, that was MPlayer which we used to simultaneously show several IBM advertisement videos, IBrowse used to show pre-downloaded sites www.pegasos.org.ru and www.pegasosppc.com.



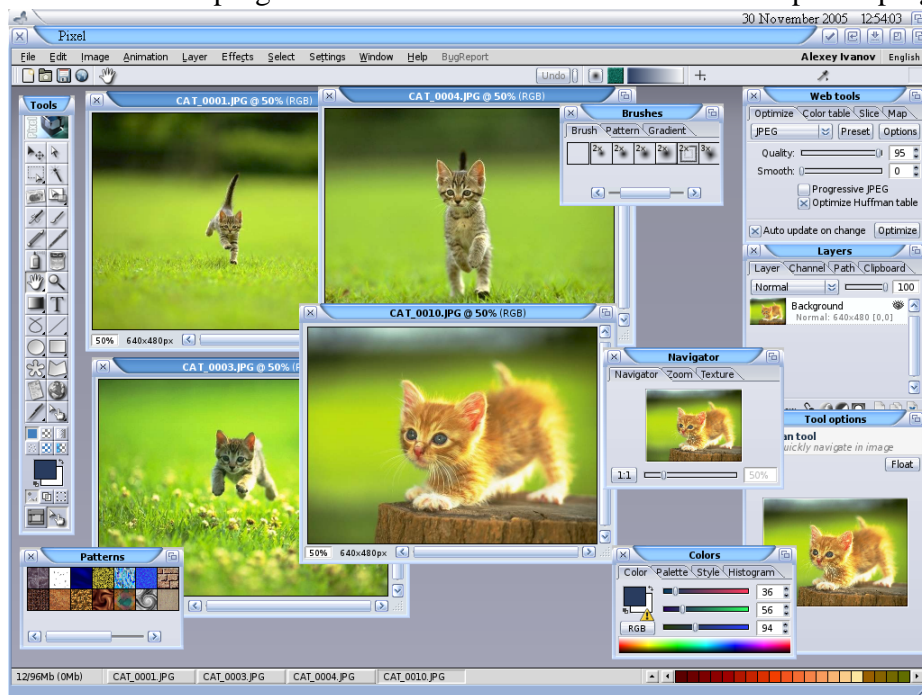
For those, who were interested in PowerPC and AltiVec technologies we had some info in PDFs.



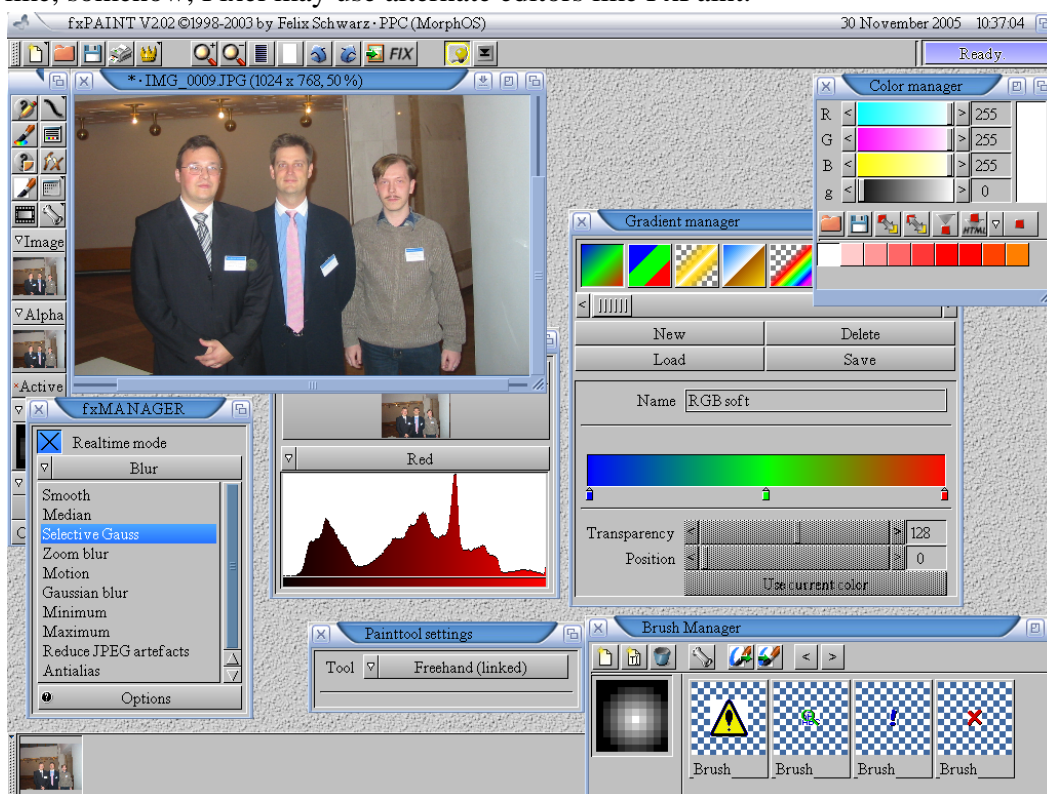
It has a big amount of examples and a very good and easy tutorial

Another program showed was Pixel. It is a PhotoShop like program also using the power of

SDL library and also cross-platform. It is not in final stage now and it might be bought at lower price, but is completely usable and rather stable. Not like first versions.



Those who don't like, somehow, Pixel may use alternate editors like FxPaint.



But besides showing MorphOS we also showed work of PegasosPPC/ODW under Debian PPC linux, and using the MacOnLinux package we demonstrated the work of MacOS-X under linux. Also using Qemu we demonstrated working of Windows on ODW. Later we found that we can start MacOnLinux and Qemu simultaneously and show simultaneous work of MacOS X, Windows and linux on PegasosPPC/ODW, but that needs much memory.



At the end of seminar we've had a conversation with Nigel Beck (Power.Org chairman). He asked rather popular on that day questions about price and interest in thins computers here in Russia. Also Nigel was interested in embedded market in Russia. The main problem discussed was the high price of motherboards here, absence of Genesi official representative here and connected with this problems with customs.

At the end we want to thank Genesi and FreeScale companies for support and out ODWs, IBM company for giving us some help in organizing the stand and personally to all those who helped us.



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