PrimeGrid's
Proth Prime Search

On 7 Feb 2012, 0:59:16 UTC, PrimeGrid's Proth Prime Search project found a prime Fermat divisor:

$$131*2^{1494099}+1 \text{ Divides } F(1494096)$$

The prime is 449,771 digits long and will enter Chris Caldwell's "The Largest Known Primes Database" (http://primes.utm.edu/primes) ranked 6th for prime Fermat divisors and 292nd overall. It is the 2nd divisor found in 2012 and 294th overall.

The discovery was made by Rob Derrera of the United States using an Intel Core i7 960 @ 3.20GHz with 24 GB RAM running Windows 7 Ultimate x64. This computer took just over 53 minutes to complete the primality test using LLR. Rob is a member of the US Navy team.

The prime was verified on 7 Feb 2012, 4:56:41 UTC, by Sergey Iovov of the Ukraine using an Intel Xeon X5650 @ 2.67GHz with 24 GB RAM running Windows Server 2008 Standard x64. This computer took 53 minutes 45 seconds to complete the primality test using LLR.

The credits for the discovery are as follows:

1. Rob Derrera (United States), discoverer
2. PrimeGrid, et al.
3. Srsieve, sieving program developed by Geoff Reynolds
4. PSieve, sieving program developed by Ken Brazier and Geoff Reynolds
5. LLR, primality program developed by Jean Penné
6. OpenPFGW, a primality program developed by Chris Nash & Jim Fougeron with maintenance and improvements by Mark Rodenkirch

Entry in "The Largest Know Primes Database" can be found here:
http://primes.utm.edu/primes/page.php?id=104247

Fermat number divisibility (including generalized and extended) was checked by OpenPFGW using the following settings: -gxo 131*2^1494099+1. For more information about Fermat and generalized Fermat number divisors, please see Wilfrid Keller's sites:

- http://www.prothsearch.net/fermat.html
- http://www1.uni-hamburg.de/RRZ/W.Keller/GFNfacs.html

Generalized and extended generalized Fermat number divisors discovered are as follows:

131*2^1494099+1 Divides GF(1494098,7), xGF(1494098,7,2), xGF(1494098,7,4), xGF(1494098,8,7)

Using a single PC would have taken years to find this prime. So this timely discovery would not have been possible without the thousands of volunteers who contributed their spare CPU cycles. A special thanks to everyone who contributed their advice and/or computing power to the search - especially all the sievers who work behind the scenes to make a find like this possible.

This is PrimeGrid's 10th prime Fermat divisor. The Proth Prime Search will continue to search for more primes. To join the search, please visit PrimeGrid: http://www.primegrid.com

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About PrimeGrid

PrimeGrid is a distributed computing project, developed by Rytis Slatkevičius, Lennart Vogel, and John Blazek, which utilizes BOINC and PRPNet to search for primes. PrimeGrid's primary goal is to bring the excitement of prime finding to the "everyday" computer user. Simply download the software and let your computer do the rest. Participants can choose from a variety of prime forms to search. With a little patience, you may find a large or even record breaking prime.

BOINC

The Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing (BOINC) is a software platform for distributed computing using volunteered computer resources. It allows users to participate in multiple distributed computing projects through a single program. Currently BOINC is being developed by a team based at the University of California, Berkeley led by David Anderson.

This platform currently supports projects from biology to math to astronomy. For more information, please visit BOINC: http://boinc.berkeley.edu

PRPNet
PRPNet is a client/server application written by Mark Rodenkirch that is specifically designed to help find prime numbers of various forms. It is easily ported between various OS/hardware combinations. PRPNet does not run each PRP test itself, but relies on helper programs, such as LLR, PFGW, phrot, wwww, and genefer to do the work.

For more information, please visit PrimeGrid's PRPNet forum thread:
http://www.primegrid.com/forum_thread.php?id=1215

For more information about PrimeGrid and a complete list of available prime search projects, please visit: http://www.primegrid.com