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Project Title

How Far Can a Computer Take You?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The purpose of this experiment is to try to find if distance has any effect on the speed of two computers connections.

Methods/Materials

First, to test this, the program Ping would have to be open and running. Then, the IP address of the computer must be pinged 5000 times (ping xxx.xxx.xxx #n 5000). After this is completed, the results are recorded and the next IP address is pinged 5000 times.

Results

Some of the more interesting results were Ethiopia; it was the farthest distance away, but it got a regular time of 108 milliseconds. Hong Kong is similar to this. It is 11823 km away (7th greatest distance) and it tied for fastest with the Bahamas.

Conclusions/Discussion

Most of the results were that there was no correspondence between the distance and speed of a computer. There was a very general increase of the speed as the distance increased, but no specific conclusion was reached. This was due to the lack of variables in the project.

Summary Statement

"How Far Can a Computer Take You?" tested the speed of a computer over varying distances.

Help Received

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