

PrimeGrid's 27121 Prime Search

On 01 February 2021, 11:26:31 UTC, PrimeGrid's 27121 Prime Search, through PRPNet found the mega prime:

$$27 \cdot 2^{8342438} - 1$$

The prime is 2,511,326 digits long and will enter Chris Caldwell's "The Largest Known Primes Database" (<http://primes.utm.edu/primes>) ranked 77th overall.

The discovery was made by Andrew M. Farrow of Australia using an Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-4170 CPU @ 3.70GHz with 4GB RAM, running Linux. This computer took just over 3 hours 19 minutes to complete the primality test using LLR.

The prime was verified on 01 February 2021, 15:42:26 UTC, by an Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8550U CPU @ 1.80GHz with 8 GB RAM, running Linux Manjaro. This computer took just under 2 hours 19 minutes to complete the primality test using LLR.

Credits for the discovery are as follows:

1. Andrew M. Farrow (Australia), 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

Entry in "The Largest Known Primes Database" can be found here:

<https://primes.utm.edu/primes/page.php?id=131654>

PrimeGrid's 27121 Prime Search was originally a collaboration with the 12121 Search, which was established on 24 May 2004 to search for large primes of the form $121 \cdot 2^n - 1$. Later, on 1 Mar 2005, they added $k=27$ to their search. PrimeGrid added the $+1$ form and searches both k 's and forms together.

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.

The 27121 Prime Search will continue to seek even larger 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 and currently managed by Tyler Bredl, Scott Brown, Ulrich Fries, Michael Goetz, Michael Gutierrez, Dao Heng Liu, Reginald McLean, Rytis Slatkevičius, Roman Trunov, and Christian Wallbaum.

PrimeGrid utilizes BOINC and PRPNet to search for primes with the primary goal of bringing 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, wwwww, 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>