

12 GBytes of internal storage.

Larry Crume, vice president and general manager of Autodesk's new Kinetix multimedia business unit, is a strong supporter of Digital's personal workstations. "Animators, special effects artists, and title developers are turning to new digital tools that offer workstation-class performance at PC prices. By developing a new line of personal workstations for Windows NT -- and by offering both Pentium Pro and Alpha engines -- Digital has demonstrated real commitment and flexibility in meeting the far-reaching demands of today's entertainment authors."

Jon Hirschtick, CEO and founder of SolidWorks Corporation, one of the first ISVs to develop production-level solids modeling mechanical design software for the Windows NT environment, also endorses Digital's personal workstations. "Digital's personal workstations are the fastest Windows NT workstation platforms, allowing end users to complete design projects in record time," he said. "Digital extends SolidWorks' ability to bring powerful solutions to engineers' desktops at a fraction of the cost of traditional UNIX workstations."

PowerStorm Advantage for Intel and Alpha Personal Workstations

Digital also announced the availability of the PowerStorm family of 2D and 3D graphics adapters for both Celebris and Alpha XL personal workstations. PowerStorm adapters are based on the PCI bus and were designed to accelerate the OpenGL 3D graphics library. The combination of Alpha CPU performance and PowerStorm graphics on the XL personal workstations result in workstation-class performance.

Digital offers a broad range of graphics adapters with its PowerStorm family from the lightning quick PowerStorm 3D30 2D accelerator to the industry leading PowerStorm 4D60T adapter for 3D solids modeling and hardware assisted texture mapping.

Software for UNIX-to-Windows NT Interoperability and Desktop Productivity

For a limited time, Digital is bundling several software tools with the XL family for UNIX and Windows NT interoperability, visualization, and internet connectivity.

For UNIX and Windows NT connectivity, NFS Maestro will enable users to share files in heterogeneous environments with network file system (NFS) capabilities, and Exceed provides PC X server capabilities for distributed computing and viewing of designs between UNIX and Windows NT environments. Both are from Hummingbird Communications, Ltd.

Digital also is bundling Netscape 2.0 for easy browsing of the Internet, and 3 Space Viewer from Template Graphics. 3 Space Viewer is a three-dimensional viewer that enables users to view and incorporate 3D images from technical applications into productivity software such as Microsoft Office.

Digital the Premier Provider of Windows NT Solutions

The portfolio of Windows NT-based applications has grown to 1,500. Technical software for the animation and mechanical computer-aided design markets available for Windows NT Alpha-based workstations now includes: Microsoft's Softimage, SolidWorks, Parametric Technology Corporation's Pro/ENGINEER, Bentley Systems' Microstation Manager, Autodesk, Inc.'s AutoCAD R13c4, and EDS Unigraphics, among others.

Pricing and Availability

An Alpha XL 300 Personal Workstation with 32 MBytes of memory, a 1 GByte disk, a Matrox Millennium 2D/3D graphics adapter, CD-ROM, and floppy disk is \$8,495. An Alpha XL 366 Personal Workstation with the same configuration is \$9,995. The Alpha XL 300 is currently available and the 366 version will be available in late May. Upgrades are available from an Alpha XL 266 to a 366 for \$4,995. An upgrade from an Alpha XL 300 to 366 is \$3,995. PowerStorm graphics adapters for the Alpha XL systems are available immediately, and in the Summer for Celebris XL systems.

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