

# 482 of the Top500 supercomputers run Linux, and China's Tianhe-2 is the fastest

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The November 2013 edition of the list of the world's fastest supercomputers has just been released. Known as the TOP500 List, it is released twice a year, first in June, then in November.

The TOP500 List began in June 1993, ran again in November of that year and has been repeated in that order since. The November 2013 edition is the 42nd.

This latest edition is not that much different from the previous edition, which was also topped by the Tianhe-2 supercomputer, which is built and maintained by China's National University of Defense Technology. It retained its top spot with a performance of 33.86 petaflop/s (quadrillions of calculations per second).? Folks, that's fast, and impressive.

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