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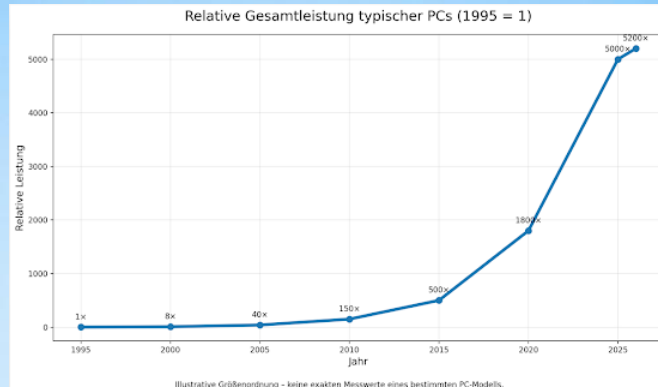
This tip makes your computer 10x faster! 🚀

Some tips start with promises like that. Claims of being 2x, 3x, or 5x faster appear, too.

To put it briefly: that's nonsense!

Now here the long version.

The overall performance of a typical computer has increased enormously over the last 30 years.



Graphic: Relative overall performance of typical PCs (1995=1)

PC performance initially improved slowly but then accelerated rapidly over many years. While the pace of development has leveled off somewhat, computers continue to become more powerful with each new generation.

Windows and other operating systems have adapted to this trend and now utilize available hardware very efficiently. Of course, there is still room for optimization. With the right settings, you can squeeze out a bit more performance here and there—usually in the range of 1 to 10 percent. In some cases, the gains can be even higher with older computers.

However, what is **not** possible is making a computer twice as fast (100%!!!) or even ten times as fast (1000%) simply by adjusting operating system settings. Performance limits are determined by the hardware.

A car analogy illustrates this clearly: A sports car designed to reach 300 km/h might accelerate slightly better or gain a few km/h in top speed with perfect engine tuning, but it won't turn into a 600 km/h ultra-supercar. The same applies to computers: fine-tuning can optimize performance, but only better hardware works miracles.