Subject: Re: Computer trouble Posted by icedog90 on Fri, 06 Jan 2006 20:56:36 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Scythar wrote on Fri, 06 January 2006 12:25icedog90 wrote on Fri, 06 January 2006 14:53Dual channel isn't a certain type of memory, it's two sticks of DDR that are both exactly the same and are being effectively doubled in bandwidth from the RAM to the CPU.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dual\_channel

Actually, the bandwidth is only doubled between the RAM and memory controller. There's still only one frontside bus (between CPU and chipset), which is exactly why dual channel doesn't bring such a huge performance increase in AMD chips than Intel, since AMD doesn't have as fast FSB and it creates a bottleneck. Intel's fast 800 Mhz(= 2x DDR400 speed) is great for dual channel arcitechture.

I knew someone would jump in and attempt to correct me because I said "bandwidth". I was talking about the bits, not the actual bandwidth. Utilizing two 64-bit channels, it results in a total bandwidth of 128 bits for moving from the RAM to the CPU.