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Subject: Since I got hosed last time -- Computer advice!

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Hey folks!

As some of you may remember, I was a bit stupid in my last computer purchase, but it appears I may be redeemed a bit here. My grandparent's computer just recently died on them, and have decided they will pay the full retail price of my current desktop, so I can go get myself something thats got a bit better specs.

So, since I don't want to waste money again, as I probally won't get an opportunity to recover the money this time, I wanna get some advice from the guys whom I feel probally know the most about computers, lol

Now, since I started University this fall, a laptop has been something that would be exceptionally useful, either for finding something to do online during an exceptionally boring chem lecture, or to look for help online while studying later to figure out what I was "taught" during said lecture.

I'm planning on totally replacing my desktop with the laptop, and have a few specs I'm aiming for:

- 1) It must be equipped with a 2.0 GHz or faster Core 2 Duo processor
- 2) It must have at least 1 GB of RAM
- 3) It must have at least a 256 MB video card
- 4) It must have at least a 100 GB hard disk
- 5) It must have wireless networking capabilities

I'd prefer if it had a USB port and a Serial port, and would also prefer a point style cursor instead of the thumbpad. Both would be fine though.

I've got a fairly limited budget, but I will entertain possibilites up to 2000...

I'm currently considering a Dell Inspiron E1505 and a Dell Latitude D820, but haven't done much else for shopping...

Any suggestions?

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