Subject: Re: Suggestion on a ATI Radeon X graphics card?
Posted by Ryu on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 00:00:13 GMT
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Chuck Norris wrote on Sun, 13 January 2008 23:39I'm going to have to really second sadukar09's suggestion (although after VAT, it seems to come out to about 30 pounds more, and I'm not sure how many more dollars that would equate to). The X1550 is a really low end card these days (and was low-mid when it was released). Your CPU will not bottleneck that card that much, and even if it does a little, it'd be foolish to purposely buy a weak GPU to have it be the bottleneck, ESPECIALLY when Crysis is part of the picture (GPUs are the bottleneck for it currently). I really think getting the weaker card would be the waste. I wouldn't even go lower myself, becuase you want a certain amount of gain for it to be worth it, but if you must, go no lower than an X1650XT (not Pro, not normal, and certainly not the regular X1650, all of which are in different classes than the XT).

As for the PSU, the wattage is fine (more than), but what about the +12V rail, or maybe even the brand, both of which I saw no mention of? If that's just some generic 600 watt PSU, I'd pass myself.

I'm probably going to get this one:
http://www.scan.co.uk/Products/ProductInfo.asp?WebProductID=589317

As for the PSU, That pc shop is down the road for me and I intend on asking them, But what do you suggest for a PSU? I need a 500watt PSU, Not sure on the voltage rail and stuff so yeah, Just need the basic specs on a fairly decent PSU, I think I can fork out the money on one.