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Subject: Re: Motherboards.....Again

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You're more or less correct:

GX boards can have two PCIe x16 slots, but if you decide to use both slots for graphics cards, then each one runs at x8.

Unless you think you'll be running Crossfire, and have a pair of very powerful cards, going with a 790GX board is the best way to go, especially if you're not that interested in overclocking. You can run a pair of ATI 5850's if you wanted to on a GX board and there wouldn't be a problem.

If I were you, I'd be looking at this GX board:

[http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16813128435&cm\\_re=890gx-\\_13-128-435-\\_Product](http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16813128435&cm_re=890gx-_13-128-435-_Product)

The reviews for it are great, and it has all the features you want.

However, you may also want to consider an '870' board. An 870 has fewer features than an 890GX, like only one PCIe x16 slot, and generally fewer overclocking options. They still support SATA6, and USB 3...

[http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16813128443&cm\\_re=870-\\_13-128-443-\\_Product](http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16813128443&cm_re=870-_13-128-443-_Product)

It has two PCIe slots, but only the top one runs at x16. Putting a graphics card in the second one will make it very, very slow.

[http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16813157198&cm\\_re=870-\\_13-157-198-\\_Product](http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16813157198&cm_re=870-_13-157-198-_Product)

AsRock's board is interesting in that it advertises 16x/8x PCIe slots, which is just like a GX board. Either that's a typo, or that's a really good deal for 95 dollars. The reviewers here were also very pleased with it.

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