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Subject: Video card question....argh

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In general your PCI slots are white and the AGP ones are brown, if they are bright colours such as purple, red and green then your motherboard manufacturer has colour coded it.

The PCI slots are the ones you have most of (Normally 3 for Mini-ATX and 5 for ATX). There may also be a smaller slot called an ACR or AMR slot, this is really small about 5cm long and you don't need to use it. Normally the motherboard has words (PCI, AGP, Accelerated Graphics Port, AMR, ACR) written on it to tell you which is which. See [here](#).

You do need to pop out the metal piece, but buy the card first as it's normally the metal piece below the slot as AGP and PCI cards are mounted upsidedown (ISA cards were mounted facing up).

As for the card to buy. You want DX9 support but fairly cheap. I'd say either the ATI Radeon 9600 or the GeForce FX 9700 (both AGP only). If you have to have a PCI slot card, then the highest you will get is the GeForce FX 5200 or ATI Radeon 9200 as the PCI bandwidth is restricted.

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