
Subject: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 16:59:32 GMT
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Current favourite is this: <http://www.eclipsecomputers.com/systemview.aspx?id=100>

I can only stretch to £600 including VAT+Delivery and I am in England.

Only thing I might do is double the memory up to 2048mb for an extra £20.

Any comments or suggestions for alternatives would be appreciated, things that matter:

Pentium Dual Core Processor

Decent graphics card, preferably SLI

min 1GB memory

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [AmunRa](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 17:55:25 GMT
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intel core 2 duo hax!

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 18:00:41 GMT
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I would recommend that you build your own. You might think "I don't know how to do that" - but consider I learnt how to do it from just two books from my library and the internet, it's not that hard.

As you're UK based, like me, I can recommend;

www.overclockers.co.uk and www.saverstore.com (Who recently redesigned and don't have all their stock back yet)

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 18:13:24 GMT
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I get all my PC stuff from <http://www.ebay.co.uk>

Carrier is right, build your own. There are loads of tutorials on the net. My advice is invest in an expensive motherboard, cheap ones are slow and crappy.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [jimmyny](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 18:34:25 GMT
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use ebuyer.co.uk to find bits you want. They have reasonable prices but always shop around for the best prices

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 18:42:26 GMT
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I am capable of building a machine from scratch and I have done it before, but I don't want to on this occasion - you can configure whatever machine you want through most online retailers, it's easier and means I can be assured that everything is done correctly.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [Crusader](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 18:42:42 GMT
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Good choice, MexPirate. It looks like a nice PC to me.

It seems you are a "plug-and-play" person like me: like buy the computer and play!

But I agree with everyone else's suggestion and so I highly suggest that you build your own rig...it's WAY TOO COOLER AND IT IS SO EASY! You will love your investment.

Here's a great tutorial site everyone's talking about:
<http://www.buildeasypc.com/>

It explains EVERYTHING.

But of course, feel free to buy the Fusion...looks damn good to me.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 19:31:20 GMT
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OK, I trust ebuyer and have bought from them before so I thought I would do a comparison using the cheapest available equivalent components, wasn't sure about any cables I might need (IDE, power etc) that might add a few £'s but it is a minute price difference and I know this system will perform well for gaming (36.2fps for Prey test):

Looks like I will stick with it unless anyone else has suggestions for other companies (I use ebay but don't trust the component or build quality of machines on there & overclockers came out a lot more expensive)

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 19:38:07 GMT
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Don't get Vista Home Basic, it doesn't even come with Aero.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Fri, 04 May 2007 20:03:19 GMT
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vista home premium is included with the fusion.

I just put basic on ebuyer as I was trying to get as low a price as possible.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Sun, 06 May 2007 08:50:07 GMT
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My own advice would be to not buy Vista until November this year - by that point, it will be as stable and relatively secure as XP, as well as having more software designed to run on Vista, and not XP.

Yeah, overclockers are expensive, but it's all high quality hardware for gaming enthusiasts.

Mex - you've got two PSUs in that... (one in the tower, one not) - feel like mailing me one?

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please

Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Sun, 06 May 2007 09:36:08 GMT

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he can just remove the 550 watt model, as that will probably not have any influence. any good 450Watt PSU could power that machine.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please

Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Sun, 06 May 2007 10:12:02 GMT

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My advice: Dont get ebayer extra value, its unbranded stuff they get from several places and its not always very reliable. Get some Crucial or Kingston RAM instead, will put the price up a bit but will likely last longer.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please

Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Sun, 06 May 2007 13:30:59 GMT

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Yea I noticed that I added two PSU's, it's because I switched cases and the first one I added didn't have a PSU.

I decided on the fusion, it's an awesome deal:

Coe 2 Duo 6300 (1.86Ghz)

2048mb RAM

nForce SLI motherboard

Geforce 7900 GFX (Will add a second when I can afford)

250GB HDD

Funky Gamers case with side window and blue neon

19" LCD Monitor

Vista Home Premium (I don't plan on shelling out on another OS in 6 months)

It came to £611, which I was pretty happy with - just need to get C&C3 + Supreme Commander and I can see how good it really is

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please

Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Sun, 06 May 2007 17:31:30 GMT

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So you got a case with a PSU already in it? Do you know what brand the PSU is? I'd recommend a GOOD powersupply and not just "one" that comes with the case. Investing in the powersupply is a investment that will make your system stable for 3 years and onward. Not just that, it will also make sure (if you would like) you can overclock that E6300 baby to lets say a 3 Ghz --> stable.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Sun, 06 May 2007 17:34:13 GMT
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Yup.

A verry good buy at the moment is Crucial Balistix PC5300 these are well priced and deliver a bang for the buck.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Mon, 07 May 2007 11:50:44 GMT
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The case comes with a 450w PSU included, that should do me fine for the moment although I might look at replacing it when I add the second graphics card.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Mon, 07 May 2007 18:11:48 GMT
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JPNOD is right. A high quality PSU makes ALL the diff-er-ence... in the world. That case PSU might be okay though, but that highly depends on which brand the case is. I got lucky enough to get a pretty good power supply with my case a long time ago. But now the fan is extremely noisy and I can't fix it, so I had to swap it finally. However, it did last me a good three years, and it still works... just noisy.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Mon, 07 May 2007 19:57:55 GMT
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buying cuz the pc company has to pay the ppl making it and i recommend ATI 1600 & nVidia 7600GT if ur cheap or if ur rich Asus 8800GTX or ATI 1950 and RAM u cant go wrong with corsair and AMD FTW!!!

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Mon, 07 May 2007 20:47:28 GMT
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Unless you live under a rock, you should know that Intel is on top of the game right now.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [Genesis2001](#) on Mon, 07 May 2007 21:51:03 GMT
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gamemodding wrote on Fri, 04 May 2007 12:13l get all my PC stuff from <http://www.ebay.co.uk>

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Expense does NOT necessarily mean greatness...You can build an entire computer for around like US\$1000. <http://www.newegg.com>

-MathK1LL

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 09 May 2007 23:40:21 GMT
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AMDs cheaper

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Thu, 10 May 2007 05:56:06 GMT
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Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 10 May 2007 05:58:51 GMT
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Get an E6400 procecessor if you can. They overclock NICELY. Mines at 30% overclock and I could easily push it further if I wanted.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Thu, 10 May 2007 06:06:38 GMT
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either way go with the E6320-->4mb cach or E4300 2mb cache

I would get the E4300 with a good cooler

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Thu, 10 May 2007 06:12:05 GMT
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I wouldn't even get an intel motherboard. nForce 650i LGA 775 motherboards seem to be the right choice. AMD prices have gone down even further recently, but Core 2 Duo prices began dropping yet again too. Also, the higher-end Athlon X2s are still almost double the price of their Core 2 Duo equivalentents.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Thu, 10 May 2007 19:41:43 GMT
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Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Fri, 11 May 2007 13:24:10 GMT
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EKT-Sadukar wrote on Thu, 10 May 2007 15:41JPNOD wrote on Thu, 10 May 2007 01:06icedog90 wrote on Thu, 10 May 2007 01:56Haven't you seen the Core 2 Duo series? They're cheaper AND faster than the current dual-core AMDs. Trust me, this is coming from someone who has always liked AMD in the past, but I'm not a fanboy of either. I just go with whatever is the best deal at the moment.

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It's called keeping up 2 date, they are being replaced by thse/added to the serie.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Fri, 11 May 2007 16:02:09 GMT
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lol we canadians never get things that are good

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Fri, 11 May 2007 18:21:40 GMT
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You guys are getting those too. I'm not sure who told you Canada doesn't get them.

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Fri, 11 May 2007 19:16:43 GMT
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me

btw near my house theres a excellent comp store selling X1550 Sapphire for 85\$ XD

Subject: Re: New PC, Advice please
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Fri, 11 May 2007 20:30:21 GMT
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Well, local stores are the worst places to buy PC hardware.

<http://www.tigerdirect.ca/applications/SearchTools/item-details.asp?EdpNo=3084648&CatId=2396>
