Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by maytridy on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 21:03:15 GMT

In your opinion, what is the best graphics card?

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by England on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 21:04:22 GMT

Mine, cos its mine..

Probly ATI Radeon pro, most people ive spoken too say its outshining any Nvidia card.

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by maytridy on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 21:07:01 GMT

Ok, thanks. Any others?

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by General Havoc on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 21:14:48 GMT

Albatron GeForce 4 Ti 4200 P Turbo is a great card in my opinion. Check the review link in my signature, thats what made me buy it. It may not be the latest one but it has some great power. It runs faster than a Ti 4600 at default speed because of it's fast memory (3.3ns) and the copper heatsink. It runs everything beautifully, from Renegade to Planetside, it seems pretty stable overclocked. I would recomment it if you don't want to spend huge amounts on the latest card then watching them fall by 300% in cost over the next month because the "new" model has came

won't be upgrading mine any time soon, when i do it will be the next generation of cards I will buy.

_General Havoc

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by Blazer on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 21:30:47 GMT

He asked what the BEST card was...not good cards or bang for the buck cards

I personally have a Ti4400 and while its a great deal for the performance, Crimsons Ti4800 rules it

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Posted by General Havoc on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 21:40:58 GMT
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Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by A-DawG on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 22:04:34 GMT
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My Radeon 9500 pro 0wnz!

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by Walrus on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 22:30:30 GMT
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I always go with a budgit card, something in the mid range that i can update again in 8 to ten or more months and spend less money on.

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Posted by abakshi on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 22:39:07 GMT
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The GeForce 4 Ti4800 has been shown by many review sites to be just a Ti4400 with AGP 8x and slight tweaking. The AGP 8x increases speed by something like 0.001% so there's no real effect. That explains why most Ti4800s are slower than most Ti4600s.

The GeForce FX 5800 ('the Dustbuster' - called this because of its monstrous 2-slot vacuum-cleaner-volume cooling system) was the biggest flop nVidia has had in recent times, and the GeForce FX 5900 is better suited to compete against ATI.

However, most sites show that ATI's top line Radeons are faster (plus more bang for the buck for

the newly-EOLed products like the Radeon 9700 Pro and the 9500 Pro). ATI's new Radeon 9800 Pro 256MB, which uses G-DDRII, is generally considered to be the fastest card on the market at this point. (and one of the most expensive consumer-market cards)

In reality, the 256MB versus the 128MB graphics RAM isn't going to make much of a difference in most games and apps, so the Radeon 9800 Pro and the 9800 Pro 256MB are very close performance wise.

Then again, there isn't that much of a gap between the 9700 Pro and the 9800 Pro, just clock speed and some tweaking. For the most bang for the buck on an almost-top-of-the-line card, I'd probably go for the 9700 Pro. You can choose between BBA (Built By ATI) or the Powered by ATI cards (made by Sapphire, VisionTek, Hercules, etc.).

I'm running an ATI All-In-Wonder Radeon 8500DV 64MB - works well for all games I've run on this system - pretty happy with the card.

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by abakshi on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 22:45:12 GMT
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For a budget (lets say sub $120), I'd say go for an ATI Radeon 8500, 9100 (which is just a rebadged 8500), or a 9200 Pro. The 9000 is the older version of the 9200 but is slower in almost all regards than the 8500/9100. However, you have to be careful with some of the 9100s, as some manufacturers are putting slower RAM on them to reduce costs. A good Radeon 8500 or 8500LE should be under $60 on eBay and will be just about as fast as the Radeon 9200 Pro and faster than the nVidia GeForce FX 5200 and the 5200 Ultra.

These days you can get a Radeon 9500 Pro on eBay for about $160, which is about as fast as an nVidia GeForce4 Ti4600 in most regards. A 9700 Pro generally can run for $250 or less on eBay and is faster than the Ti4600, FX5800, and about equal to the FX5900 in many areas.

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Posted by Paragon on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 22:50:15 GMT
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Posted by abakshi on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 23:12:20 GMT
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Yeah that's a pretty good deal!

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Posted by Paragon on Mon, 16 Jun 2003 23:52:42 GMT
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LoL yeah it was an awesome deal wasnt actually looking to buy a new card at the time but saw that price for a really great card couldnt resist. Been pretty happy with it so far.

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by Epyon on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 00:05:02 GMT
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Posted by Creed3020 on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 00:11:59 GMT
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Ya I was just reading something other day about a new slot for cards, a really fast PCI type....Forgot the proper name unfourtunatly....But heard as you've said to be many more times

more powerful then AGP slots.

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by bigwig992 on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 00:17:32 GMT
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Posted by L3f7H4nd3d on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 01:02:09 GMT
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Posted by gendres on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 04:04:19 GMT
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ATi Radeon 9700/9800 pro are the best

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The Radeon 7500 compares roughly to a GeForce 3 - definitely enough to run Renegade and

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other games decently (that doesn't mean at 1600x1200 with full AA and AF and eye candy, but pretty decently).

The All-In-Wonder cards have a built-in TV tuner and video inputs and outputs. So yes, from what you have described, the All-In-Wonder Radeon 7500 (64MB) should fit your needs.

If you want something a bit faster but not outrageously expensive, there are some options - the ATI All-In-Wonder Radeon 8500 64MB, the AIW Radeon 8500 128MB, the AIW Radeon 8500DV 64MB (which has a digital TV tuner as opposed to the analog ones of all other AIWs, as well as IEEE1394 ports), and the AIW Radeon 9000 Pro, which is a brand-new card.

I'm running an All-In-Wonder Radeon 8500DV (64MB) and the card runs all the latest games pretty well. Renegade can be run at my LCD's max res - 1280x1024 - with everything at max and still runs very well. Other games for the most part run very well too.

The new PCI standard is called PCI Express, but it won't be supported for Intel processors until Intel releases its next chipset (or a modified 875P), which won't happen until at least holiday-season. Yes, it is supposed to be very fast, but support for it will take time, and ATI and nVidia will be releasing their next generation of cards in both PCI Express and AGP forms.

With regard to nVidia's release of a card to 'dethrone' ATI, both nVidia and ATI will be releasing 'tweaked' versions of their fastest cards, the GeForce FX5900 and the Radeon 9800, that will arrive by late fall.

Their next-gen cards, NV40 and R420, respectively, are estimated to be released by holiday season or a bit afterwards. nVidia, as usual, is promising doubled performance (just like the FX5800 was supposed to be 2x faster than the Ti4600   - Lol) and ATI is not commenting much on it, as usual.

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by Duke of Nukes on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 05:13:15 GMT
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best available now = NV35

Though I bought mine because I felt it's the best price. Asylum 128MB Geforce4 TI4200 = $110

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by maytridy on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 13:45:30 GMT
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Wow. Thanks for the info guys!

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Posted by abakshi on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 15:48:14 GMT
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Yeah, but also keep in mind nVidia's recent 'driver cheating' with synthetic benchmarks, so that leads to the Radeon 9800 Pro beating the GeForce FX 5900 Ultra (NV35) in reality in more tests than preliminary benchmarks showed.

For those who didn't hear about nVidia's 'driver cheating' - most of it was with 3D Mark 2003, where the nVidia drivers would sense that 3DMark03 was running and would give higher numbers than usual and would lower image quality to give higher benchmark numbers. After that, it was found that they also implemented the simplest type of 'cheating' - if you rename 3DMark03.exe to something else, your nVidia card suddenly has a big performance dip in the benchmark. So nVidia's been under quite some scrutiny these days because of these attempts to illegitimately show that the NV35 (GF FX5900) is better than the Radeon 9800 Pro. As a result, there is no clear measure as to which is better - some games are nVidia-optimized while others play better on ATI.

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by ADM on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 16:28:29 GMT
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The ending result settles like this, the N35 is better for gaming performance but lacks in the driver department at the moment and the image quality and AA, AF is inferior to ATI's 9800 Pro currently.

The Radeon 9800 Pro 256MB is the better card, not as good in overall game perforamce by 2 FPS, but has better image quality and fast AF and AA; aswell as being faster in benchmarks and D9.0 instructions. Aswell as being alot cheaper and better drivers. The Radeon 9800 256MB overclocked can do alot better than the N35.

Wait another month for the Radeon 9900 Pro which will be the next top performer.

There is no best, there is always a new one atleast every 6 months, overclock a 9700 Non-Pro and you will outdo any card on the market currently. Simple as that.

Subject: Best Graphics Card
Posted by ohmybad on Tue, 17 Jun 2003 18:40:01 GMT
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Im stuck w/ the e-geforce 4 mx420