

## Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Che ken - 29 Jan 2012 23:21

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The problem? I have no idea what to buy! Lol my knowledge of components etc is next to nothing and so I was hoping some of you might be able ot help (Hi again btw)

Let's just say my current Acer Aspire Laptop isn't what it used to be... I can't even play minecraft single player for crying out loud :

Since I got a job recently (first job so no tax atm FTW) and I currently have a budget of £1800 to use on a new computer and get rid of this old junk.

I don't want a laptop as I will end up killing it's battery and I use this laptop as a desktop anyway, never leaves this desk it's on, I'm looking to get 2 monitors, have one but it's broken, no idea how eitehr 🤔

Just would like to hear opinions on the best I can get with that sort of a budget. Pre-made or not either is fine since my step-brother can make the pc as long as he has the parts. I'm pretty sure I could get a damn fine gaming pc with that sort of a budget, nowhere near creme de la creme but from what I've seen, I can get most of the pc's that I've seen get the best reviews

If you guys need any more info just ask away and I'll try to answer best I can!

P.S. The faster I get myself a new comp the faster I can get back onto minecraft and css 🤔

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## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Nemx - 30 Jan 2012 13:09

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Don't know to much but the only advice i can give is if you need to go that extra few pounds for better parts, do it.

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## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Chifilly - 30 Jan 2012 16:36

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Okay, I highly recommend PCSpecialist, and I will mock up a spec for you which would seem good. Do you need peripherals too, or is that all sorted? The only problem with PCS is it can take quite a while for it to get built, as they have hundreds of orders a day. I got my PC from them within about 13 working days

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## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Che ken - 30 Jan 2012 17:52

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Peripherals? I wouldn't have a clue! As I said my knowledge is minimal if that :s

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## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Chifilly - 30 Jan 2012 18:49

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Peripherals = Monitor, keyboard, mouse etc.

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## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Che ken - 30 Jan 2012 21:38

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Ah yeah I have a keyboard and mouse, monitors are all I'm missing (looking at 2 20" LCD monitors, nothing expensive)

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## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Chifilly - 30 Jan 2012 21:56

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Just mocked this up. It's a pretty good spec:

Case

COOLERMASTER HAF 912 PLUS MID TOWER GAMING CASE

Processor (CPU)

Intel® Core™i5-2500 Quad Core (3.30GHz, 6MB Cache) + HD Graphics

Motherboard

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ASUS® P8Z68-V/GEN3: PCI-E 3.0 READY, SLI, CROSSFIREX\*\*\*SPECIAL\*\*\*

Memory (RAM)

8GB KINGSTON HYPER-X GENESIS DUAL-DDR3 1600MHz, X.M.P (2 x 4GB KIT)

Graphics Card

1.25GB NVIDIA GEFORCE GTX 570 - 2 DVI, HDMI, DP - 3D Vision Ready

Memory - 1st Hard Disk

1TB WD CAVIAR BLACK WD1002FAEX, SATA 6 Gb/s, 64MB CACHE (7200rpm)

1st DVD/BLU-RAY Drive

24x DUAL LAYER DVD WRITER ±R/±RW/RAM

Memory Card Reader

INTERNAL 52 IN 1 CARD READER (XD, MS, CF, SD, etc) + 1 x USB 2.0 PORT

Power Supply

CORSAIR 750W ENTHUSIAST SERIES™ TX750 V2-80 PLUS® BRONZE (£87)

Processor Cooling

SUPER QUIET 22dBA TRIPLE COPPER HEATPIPE INTEL CPU COOLER (£19)

Sound Card

ONBOARD 6 CHANNEL (5.1) HIGH DEF AUDIO (AS STANDARD)

Network Facilities

10/100/1000 GIGABIT LAN PORT - AS STANDARD ON ALL PCs

USB Options

6 x USB 2.0 PORTS @ BACK PANEL (MIN 2 FRONT PORTS) AS STANDARD

Operating System

Genuine Windows 7 Home Premium 64 Bit - inc DVD & Licence (£79)

Office Software

NO OFFICE SOFTWARE

Anti-Virus

## NO ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE

### Monitor

Iiyama E2273HDS 22" LED WIDESCREEN, HDMI/DVI-D 1920x1080 (£139)

### 2nd Monitor

Iiyama E2273HDS 22" LED WIDESCREEN, HDMI/DVI-D 1920x1080 (£139)

### Warranty

3 Year Silver Warranty (1 Year Collect & Return, 1 Year Parts, 3 Year Labour) (£5)

### Delivery

STANDARD INSURED DELIVERY TO UK MAINLAND (MON-FRI)

### Build Time

Standard Build - Approximately 10 to 12 working days

### Quantity

1

Price: £1,334.00 including VAT and delivery.

Configure Here: [www.pcspecialist.co.uk/computers/intel-sandy-bridge-pc/](http://www.pcspecialist.co.uk/computers/intel-sandy-bridge-pc/)

## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Che ken - 31 Jan 2012 00:04

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Damn I take back what I said maybe I do know a bit about what I'm looking for with the right site 😊  
I went on that site before you made that post and fiddled about a bit and came up with this which so far has been very similar to the one you made up 😊

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2GB AMD RADEON™ HD6950 - 2 DVI,HDMI,2 mDP - DX® 11, Eyefinity 4 Capable

Memory - 1st Hard Disk

1TB SATA-II 3-Gb/s HARD DRIVE WITH 32MB CACHE (7,200rpm)

2nd Hard Disk

600GB VELOCIRAPTOR WD6000HLHX, SATA 6-Gb/s, 32MB CACHE (10,000rpm)

SSD CACHE DRIVE

20GB INTEL® SSD 311 SERIES - CACHE DRIVE FOR SYSTEM / 1st HDD

1st DVD/BLU-RAY Drive

24x DUAL LAYER DVD WRITER ±R/±RW/RAM

Memory Card Reader

INTERNAL 52 IN 1 CARD READER (XD, MS, CF, SD, etc) + 1 x USB 2.0 PORT

Power Supply

CORSAIR 650W ENTHUSIAST SERIES™ TX650 V2-80 PLUS® BRONZE (£69)

Processor Cooling

TITAN FENRIR EVO EXTREME HEATPIPE CPU COOLER (£39)

Fan Controller

NZXT Sentry 2 Fan Controller with upto 5 Fitted Case Fans

Sound Card

Sound Blaster® X-Fi™ Titanium - Fatal1ty Professional Series (£102)

Network Facilities

GIGABIT LAN & WIRELESS 802.11N 300Mbps PCI CARD (£16)

USB Options

6 x USB 2.0 PORTS @ BACK PANEL (MIN 2 FRONT PORTS) AS STANDARD

Operating System

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FREE Microsoft® Office Starter 2010 (Limited functionality Word & Excel)

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DVI-D & HDMI Monitor Cables

2 x 2 METRE GOLD PLATED V1.4 HDMI CABLE (£15)

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I then realised I had made a few mistakes and again need to clarify a few things.

I have a HI-FI AMP system with two floor standing speakers, so would want to use them but unsure if they'd be able to connect to the sound card/whatever

I'm also planning on revamping my TV (32" CRT, rubbish basically!) and was wondering if it might be worth getting that as a monitor instead (since I've seen 50" 3D TV's selling for LESS than 27" 3D monitors and that got me thinking...)

Anyway after fixing a few mistakes I pulled out this:

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With the monitors I am also thinking about changing them up to two 27" monitors and not getting a TV, however I'd need to know if I could plug my console into them (I can image 2 screened skyrim would



be **awesone**) before deciding that as I wouldn't want to have 2 monitors, no tv and no way to play my xbox!

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## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by Amitiel - 31 Jan 2012 13:03

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Oli - give ds a shout, he'll give you a hand x

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## Re: Buying a Gaming PC but I need help!

Posted by tcrumpen - 31 Jan 2012 13:25

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