

## 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 to 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 its 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 either 😅

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 tcrumpen - 31 Jan 2012 14:58

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

Posted by Che ken - 31 Jan 2012 16:22

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Amel<sup>1</sup>  
Tell him to add Dodger662 on skype so I can chat with him again it's been too long!

I've always used Nvidia, not even heard of ATI before lol and no worries about building it my step-brother used to buy and remake computers for a living 🤖  
I'm also going to ask him about getting the things, see what he thinks of it lol

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

Posted by Chifilly - 31 Jan 2012 19:35

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Well ATI vs nVidia is a personal preference really 🤖

And about the monitors, you can plug a console into them, via HDMI, as I'm doing that now myself (1 screen is PC, and the other is my Xbox), and because they have quite a few connectors, you can plug more than 1 thing in (2 HDMI, 1 DVI, and 1 VGA) and easily switch between the two. They also come with a DVI and a VGA cable, and they have built in speakers too, so the Xbox sound comes out the monitor itself, instead of having to hook up a separate set of speakers. And if you have a sound system, you can use the on-board sound of the motherboard, or get a dedicated sound card, but the quality of on-board sound these days is amazing

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

Posted by Oxy - 31 Jan 2012 20:09

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last time I checked, ATI's flagship > nvidia's. Miss the old ATI Radeon 9800 PRO times 🤔

Anyway, like chifilly said, nowadays its mostly preference unless you're buying the flagship cards.

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

Posted by tcrumpen - 31 Jan 2012 20:15

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what are flagship cards

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

Posted by Che ken - 31 Jan 2012 21:41

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Talked to my step brother and he's said I should get a 120GB SSD minimum. So far it's become:

Case

PCS MAELSTROM T900 BLACK GAMING CASE

Processor (CPU)

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

Motherboard

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

2GB NVIDIA GEFORCE GTX 560 Ti - 2 DVI,HDMI,VGA - 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  $\pm R/\pm RW$ /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

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

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

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

Monitor

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

2nd Monitor

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

DVI-D & HDMI Monitor Cables

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

£1297 inc VAT and Delivery.

EDITS: Going to get two 24 or 27" monitors instead.

HDMI not gold plated as it's one of those "double the price, 2% better quality"

120GB SSD minimum

Budget to be kept under £1800

So add about £1-200 for the bigger monitors that still leaves £400 for an SSD 🤔

If anyone can suggest a good SSD then please do. Again no idea what I'm looking at, and the site I used for these specs only does a 20GB SSD

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

Posted by Chifilly - 31 Jan 2012 21:46

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If that's PCS, they do up to 240GB SSD's

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

Posted by Che ken - 31 Jan 2012 22:41

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He did say 120 minimum 🤔

Not sure what make/whatever would be good tho so any help in that would be appreciated. All I know from him is "as long as its sata-2 minimum you should be ok. maybe ones from ocz or kingston any brand names really"

but with my knowledge that doesn't help me too much since a quick google and I find about 20 different OCZ's!

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

Posted by Chifilly - 01 Feb 2012 01:17

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Huh? I was saying PCSpecialist do up to 240GB SSD's, and by the looks of it the above specs were from them, but you said they only do 20GB SSD's.

But I would recommend Kingston, because they're good with memory, but the only problem is they're expensive. Intel is a good choice (and are also available from PCS), but Western Digital are good too (not available from PCS, they only do Western Digital mechanical hard drives)

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

Posted by Che ken - 01 Feb 2012 17:56

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SSD CACHE DRIVE

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

is the only one in the drop down

Doesn't matter I'll get from elsewhere 😊

Expensive isn't a problem unless you mean over £400 expensive 😊  
Link me to some!

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