
Subject: Re: New Computer Research
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This is a really bad time to build a computer.

On July 23rd Intel is releasing it's new CPUs(Core 2 Duo), and the day after that AMD CPUs prices will be cut almost in half.

AMD will not have an attractive new CPU until early 2007, when K8L comes out. The only thing they will really have going for them after July 23rd is incredibly low prices. X2 3800s are expected to hit \$160 USD or lower. Single core A64s will be well below \$100. Any CPU you buy now will be completely devalued and outdated in just over a month.

DirectX 10 cards are coming out in the fall, most likely November. Any card you buy now will not run games on DX10, obviously. Trying to sell a DX9 card when DX10 is the new standard will not go over well with your wallet(assuming you'd decide to upgrade when DX10 comes out). If you must build now though, I'd go with a 7900GT(less than \$300) or 7600GT(less than \$200), they provide awesome performance for their cost.

Nforce5 mobos are only out for AM2 socket CPUs right now. I'm not sure if K8L will use AM2 or not though, they might use a different socket(AM3). If K8L will use AM2, this would be the best way to go. If not, you're just going to be building yourself a brickwall in terms of performance. Not to mention wasting your money.

Your best bet is to hold off building until at least August or September. That way you can go with eVGA and be within step-up reach of their DX10 Nvidia cards(Step-Up is a program that lets you return your card to eVGA, and pay the difference between what you paid for it and what the new card you want costs. It must be within 3 months of purchase though). By then Core2 will also have been out for a bit and the prices will have dropped slightly(always costs more for the first few weeks after release).

If you absolutely must build now, make sure you choose very wisely. You may want to upgrade again this fall or next year, and you will want to replace the minimum amount of parts possible.
