Subject: Re: Building comp (parts)
Posted by Chuck Norris on Tue, 19 Feb 2008 06:59:59 GMT
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iih3ro wrote on Tue, 19 February 2008 16:46Zion Fox wrote on Mon, 18 February 2008 17:00If you're going with nvidia cards, go for intel processors.

If you're going with AMD processors, go for ATI cards.

General rule of thumb.

Reasons would be nice.
Ditto. Just becuase AMD owns ATi now, it doesn't mean you have to pair them up and leave the other two (Intel and nVidia) to be paired. Either or works.

bisen11, a few recommendations.

For the PSU, drop it and get a name brand PSU. That brand is known to be bad.

For the video card, get an 8800GT instead. I have that same video card you're looking at, and while it's not as bad as the 8600 series has a reputation for, I'm getting an 8800GT to replace it (and sell the old one to compensate). It'll perform better than 2x8600GTSs and be slightly cheaper, as well as having double the memory (SLI doesn't double memory). May I recommend the same card I'm getting? It's also MSI and has a better cooling solution than stock 8800GTs do. Good price too. Again, cheaper than the 2x8600GTS AND better performance, with the option to SLI another 8800GT later if you choose to.

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814127329

For the CPU, get an AMD 5000+ or 5400+ class CPU and overclock it instead. The 6000+ and 6400+ are at the top of the Athlon 64's limits and don't OC very well from what I hear. On the other hand, the 5000+ and 5400+ can be OCed to be the equivalent of the 6000+. You could get a slower one, OC it, and save money. Specifically, this seems to be a great buy for an AMD CPU.

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16819103194

The "Black Edition" line of AMD CPUs is the equivalent of Intel's "Extreme" CPUs, that is, it has an unlocked multiplier to get slightly better OCing flexibility. Supposedly, this CPU OCs to 6000+ speeds VERY easily .

It should be a nice rig either way.