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Subject: Re: Smash Bros. Brawl

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Obviously. That's why I said "fiddle with display settings and/or buy a conversion box to output to TV format."

Speaking generally, HDTV penetration hasn't come to a point where every PC user can hook up their PC via DVI-HDMI cable to a shiny new LG box. A lot of people are still using SDTV/EDTV sets which means you'll need a conversion box nine out of ten times (unless you're one of the consumers who has s-video output on your video card) so that you can convert the radically different PC video signal to analog s-video/composite video signals. In some cases people require RF adapters and honestly, at that point, it's not worth the conversion because of the digital-analog switching becoming a major kink in signal quality.

A PC would need to be upgraded to a 7 core processor with a powerful video card to equal the power of the PS3. I doubt you have the money for that. While it's true that a PC can do more than a PS3/Xbox, bear in mind that Sony designs consoles with a 10 year lifespan. I'd like to see you run games on XP in ten years with your current hardware. With that in mind, you need to upgrade PCs to stay on the cutting edge. The upgrades themselves are rather expensive and can run over \$1,000 if you're just buying video cards, RAM, and a new processor. Eventually the motherboard needs to be replaced when some fancy technology that evolves past PCI-Express comes out.

I love my PC, so don't get me wrong. But don't presume to think that a PC does everything a console does. There's few games on PC that support motion sensing (or any you'd want to buy considering that a motion sensing controller would be expensive, adding to the cost of the game) along with the fact that PCs aren't dedicated gaming machines for most people. I use mine for 3DS Max rendering and scene design. I write research papers with it. I play CounterStrike Source with it, download music, and watch videos online.

Most of that I can do with a PS3 if I upgraded to Linux and ran Windows on it. The "wii" sucks, if you want to waste your money on it - go right ahead. I think I'll slap down money on Burnout Paradise next. Or, perhaps I'll go with some extra controllers when we get more bowling tournaments going on over here. It's not like the PS3 doesn't support seven controllers at once or anything.

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