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Subject: Re: Which Motherboard?

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troop i own 2x8600gt cards, and trust me on this they are garbage. i recently rma'ed my 8800gt because it failed, and the one week i had to go back to those two cards reminded me how lucky i am to have 8800gt lol. those two cards would barely run crysis on lowest settings.

now as for motherboard. i have asus M2N32-SLI Deluxe/Wireless Edition. it can support quad core but only to 2000MT/s which will not let phenoms get to full potential.

i would suggest for you to go with M3A32-MVP Deluxe/WiFi-AP. it is crossfire, so you will not be able to do sli on it. however, good ati cards right now are pretty cheap compared to their nvidia counterparts. this mobo can go up to 1066mhz on ram frequency, so you can plan ahead. another thing is that hyper transport. the motherboards you are looking at have hypertransport 1.0 which will not let your phenom processor (quad core amd) go to its full potential. you need over 3600MT/s on your board to let the phenom processor achieve its full potential. the.mvp can go up to 5200 so again leaves you room to put better stuff into it later on. this mobo has onboard sound aswell but im not sure what it is 5.1 or maybe not...

the fact that these motherboards state that they are socket am2+ means you can put a quad core in them and it will work. it doesnt mean it will work to its full potential. so if you put a quad into one of those motherboards there is no point overclocking it since it can never work at full capacity.

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