
Subject: Re: Dual or Quad Core?

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Thanks for all the input guys, much appreciated - with regards to the PSU - I don't think I will ever bother to use the SLI - my current machine has that option but from what I have seen the improvement from the second card is often minimal at best. The PSU is: LC Silent Giant 550W Power Supply 140mm FAN, some details here:

http://www.hardware.info/en-US/productdb/bGNkZ5iZmJPK/viewproduct/LC_Power_Silent_Giant_550W/

The next option for an extra £10 is: Hiper Type-M SLI/Crossfire Ready 580 Watt Power Supply, details here: <http://www.hipergroup.com/products.php?lv=4&cate=1&type=7&pid=15&action=Specification>

Cyberpower reckon that anything 500W+ should be sufficient for the GFX card I am looking at, but always like to get a second opinion, their recommendations here: <http://www.cyberpowersystem.co.uk/landingpages/psuguide/default.asp>

I like the idea of a "silent" PSU as my current one is a bit noisy and has developed an occasional rattle which pisses me off immensely. Have also come accross seperate VGA power supplies that are supposed to take the load off the main PSU, so that could always be an option if I decided to opt for a GFX upgrade in the future.

Any suggestions people may have for other retailers in the UK that offer customisable gaming rigs - ideally offering finance as well so I can spread the payments would be appreciated.

I must admit I'm not hot on the chipsets and exactly what they mean - this is an option (only an extra £6) MSI P35 Neo-F P35 Chipset LGA775 Supports Core 2 Duo CPU FSB1333 DDR2/800 Mainboard w/GbLAN,USB2.0,&7.1Audio. Just wondering if you could explain the advantage of the P35 chipset and is it worth losing the Quad support to get it?
