
Subject: Re: Building my own PC
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Basically, overclocking is tweaking your components to go faster than their defaults. It may mean you get better performance overall, like higher framerates in games.

However, it does void your warranty, and carries a sizeable risk of hardware damage if you do it improperly. Also, it can shorten the life of the components, depending on how much you stress the hardware.

As for the 4870, I don't think any brand is terrible. XFX has a warranty that is really flexible, and even lets you transfer it to another individual providing you register the card after you have purchased it. This may let you resell it for a slightly higher price because XFX's reputation with the warranty is very high.

I'd still recommend looking for a 4890 at the very least, for 1920x1080. ATI's upcoming 5830 will replace it, and support DirectX 11. Even better would be a 5850.
