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Subject: Wich is better?

Posted by [Viking](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 00:13:31 GMT

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Headphones or speakers?

Simple question, mostlikely complicated answear.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Kanezor](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 00:18:48 GMT

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It all depends on what you want. If you've got a lot of ambient noises or family/roommates, then headphones are the way to go.

If you don't care about what others might hear, and can afford a good set of speakers, then do it.

I myself use headphones, though I do have speakers. My room is above my parents' room, and if I were to use my speakers, they'd hear my music & games going boom boom all through the night. Mom used to complain about it all the time before I got my headphones.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Dave Mason](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 00:18:52 GMT

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Better for what scenario? Headphones aren't going to be much fun at a party and speakers aren't going to be much fun for your parents when they're sleeping.

[EDIT]Never mind, Kanezor got there first.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [light](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 00:24:14 GMT

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I would say headphones. You can buy a good set of headphones for the price of ok speakers.

Depends on what you will use them for too. mine are great for directional audio ingame, but I prefer to listen to music on my stereo.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 00:24:20 GMT

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Unless you have a surround sound stereo system, It'd be better to have headphones if you're playing a game that is important that you have good and accurate sound. Take, for instance, Counter-Strike: Source. With a 2.1 system, you can't really hear which direction an enemy is coming unless you have the right speaker directly to your right, and your left speaker directly to your left.

I have a 5.1 system, so it works quite well for me either way. If it's at night and you have roommates or parents in the house. It'd probably be best to use them. If not, turn up your speakers and enjoy the sound... as long as they're decent speakers.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [terminator 101](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 00:25:28 GMT

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icedog90:Headphones just do perfect surround sound.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 00:27:02 GMT

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I use a 5.1 speaker system, and when my parents go to bed I just turn off the bass.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Berkut](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 01:08:58 GMT

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Headphones are good for things like DVD's. I use speakers for gaming.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 01:36:30 GMT

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Aren't headphones worse for you ears though? Just thought I'd bring that up since no one has mentioned it. (shrugs)

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [JeepRubi](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 01:37:17 GMT

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Only if you have them super loud like some people.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Berkut](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 01:45:57 GMT

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Jeep Rubi wrote on Sun, 16 April 2006 20:37 Only if you have them super loud like some people.

Me. Probably not healthy, eh?

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Kanezor](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 02:04:45 GMT

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I have my headphones super loud. Only thing I've noticed is a lot of irritation on my earlobe for the first month or two... then once my ears got adjusted to having something covering them for long periods at a time, the irritation went away.

I like my headphones.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 02:08:06 GMT

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Speakers because surround sound rules.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [havoc9826](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 02:58:01 GMT

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For gaming, I use a stereo microphone headset so I can hear where everything is moving around me and simultaneously talk on Teamspeak (if people are on it) all with one device. I have the Altec Lansing AHS502i ([http://www.alteclansing.com/product\\_details.asp?PID=AHS502i](http://www.alteclansing.com/product_details.asp?PID=AHS502i)). It's pretty good for a midrange, slight-noise-cancelling headset. For other uses, I have a damaged Klipsch Promedia GMX D-5.1 system (the 2 surround and center speakers never worked, and now the subwoofer died), which I will probably replace with a Logitech Z-2300 2.1 or a Logitech Z-5300e 5.1 set once I have some extra money.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2006 03:05:36 GMT

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I prefer headphones for two reasons:

1) Quieter for people around me

2) Better quality...my computer speakers are pretty good, but I seem to get a much better bass and overall richer sound from headphones

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [mision08](#) on Wed, 19 Apr 2006 09:31:27 GMT

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You must look inside yourself Grasshopper. The answer will come from within.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Wed, 19 Apr 2006 15:22:19 GMT

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Headphones for college (nice, big, full-ear headphones that block out some of the ambient noise of college life), speakers for home.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Wed, 19 Apr 2006 20:13:05 GMT

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I use a 5.1 surround sound, but for some reason the support for 5.1 Renegade sound is lacking..

Example when I set it to surround sound ingame-ren options it auto turns it to 4 speakers, while I have 5.1. So I just use 4 speakers settings in ren now. I know there is a dolby audio in Ren Alert but for some reason it sounds worse then 4 speakers.

For the 5.1 Ren users

Does anyone have a good combo? EAX1, EAX2 with 4 speakers or directsound which is a good recommend..

Thanks,

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Thu, 20 Apr 2006 05:15:44 GMT

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You lose your hearing slowly over time doing that.

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Kanezor](#) on Thu, 20 Apr 2006 15:26:48 GMT

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icedog90 wrote on Thu, 20 April 2006 00:15Kanezor wrote on Sun, 16 April 2006 19:04I have my headphones super loud. Only thing I've noticed is a lot of irritation on my earlobe for the first month or two... then once my ears got adjusted to having something covering them for long periods at a time, the irritation went away.

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Sorry, did you say something? I couldn't hear anything you might have said. I'm glad I've got this closed-caption kind of thing right here!

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Subject: Re: Wich is better?

Posted by [Kamuix](#) on Thu, 20 Apr 2006 16:06:21 GMT

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Or maybe its because you don't need to be able to hear to read a message.

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