**Subject: Could this computer handle..**
Posted by slosha on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 05:45:39 GMT
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Could this Area-51 750i handle UT3 (Renegade X ^^) and other games such as Fallout 3 and
MW2?

 http://www.alienware.com/products/area-51-750i-desktop.aspx?SysCode=PC-A51-750I&
amp;SubCode=SKU-DEFAULT

Is there also cheaper, better ways to get a KICK ASS computer that handles kick ass games such
as these?

I am 100% n00b in this area so speak english when you reply

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**Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..**
Posted by Goztow on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 09:25:14 GMT
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Alienware is one of the most expensive gaming computer brands. The cheapest way is to buy all
separate parts yourself and buildi t from scratch. The next to cheapest way is to let someone else
do the building for you .

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**Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..**
Posted by CarrierII on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 12:33:20 GMT
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Building your own computer may seem daunting, but do some research, there are plenty of guides
on the internet for first time builders, as well as books.

Seek advice from here, forums for that sort of discussion and from people you know who know
more.

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**Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..**
Posted by Omar007 on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 12:48:18 GMT
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Well i could tell my custom system which runs crysis at MAX (so UT3 also ^^)

It was a pretty cheap system (compared to what it can do and i can't complain about what i can do
with it. My brother has the same and he also can't get enough of this config )

Video card: NVidia GeForce 9800GTX+

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RAM: 4GB DDR2 RAM
CPU: Intel Core2Duo E8500
Chassis: CoolerMaster Elite 333 ATX
Power: Coolermaster RealPower Pro 520W, Modulair Retail
Motherboard: ASUS P5QL Pro, Intel P43, GB-LAN
HD: Samsung Spinpoint 1TB
CD: Sony AD7200S DVD-/+RW, DL, SATA

Accessors:
Mouse: Logitech G5

I payed ~ €785,- for this system AND i even got 2 games for free with it! Not bad eh? (FarCry2 and Assasins Creed)

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 16:36:10 GMT
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Building my own computer seems a little intimidating. I can think about it, though. Will this computer run those sorts of games?

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 17:22:59 GMT
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Im working on building mine now, gonna be spent over a 1g

so far got
artec 1200 full tower case  (look it up fucking awsome with like 11 fans)

consair 450 watt psu (gonna get a bigger one and seel thsi one)

ah nvidia 9600 gt

soon to get evga mobo

soon to get 6 gb of ddr3 1600 memory

soon to get inet 17 920 and over clock it to 3.2 ghz

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..

Posted by CarrierII on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 18:14:02 GMT
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The PC you linked to will. So will one for half the price if you build it yourself. It's fun to do as well!

Also: The network card they offer is pretty much useless. You'll get more or less the same ping with it. If you're ping/KBPS lagging, upgrade your connection.

I'd still recommend WindowsXP or Win7. NOT Vista. (He says, posting from Vista x64 Home Premium)

They also don't tell you whose motherboard they're using, which is a bit "meh".

TBH, at $800, therefore ~ £500, I could build something better.

I really must re-iterate that I would recommend building your own, but the answer to your question is, yes, that will run those games. (The PC doesn't even have an I7!)

Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Sun, 30 Aug 2009 23:14:15 GMT
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See the problem I see with building my own is I am stupid. I would mess something up, however, SSnipe that sounds like you are getting more (ex 6 GB DDR3) for your set-up.

Can someone point me in the right direction of building my own?

Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by Lone0001 on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 00:31:16 GMT
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Well for the US there's http://www.newegg.com/ pretty good place to start looking imo.

Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 00:37:16 GMT
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Is www.ibuypower.com a good place to buy a computer?

Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..

Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 18:08:27 GMT
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Haven't heard much about iBuypower but they have some really competitive prices on newegg.com for their prebuilt computers.

Building a PC isn't too hard, but it can be challenging to the newcomer. Plus, you need to spend time doing some research on the hardware in order to make an informed choice. I've done it myself quite a few times and it's easily understandable to see why people would rather buy something that will just turn right on.

Gateway sells gaming systems through Tigerdirect and here's an example. It has two more cores than the Alienware, a competitive video card, and a few other features. Also, Tigerdirect carries a lot of refurbished Gateway PC's, so just search the site and see what you dig up.

I'm likely going to catch hell for this, but Dell has an outlet for refurbished gaming systems so you may find some good deals in there too.

I'd also suggest scouring your local Craigslist because lots of people sell gaming systems they've built on there for good prices. Just head into the 'for sale' section for computers, and search for 'gaming' or 'gamer' and see what you come up with.

The people on these forums are very knowledgeable about building PC's so if you want to consider that route, just say how much you want to pay, what you want to do with your computer, and any other bits of info you think would help.

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 19:44:30 GMT
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Thank you, nikki. I really like the one from tigerdirect.com. Will this be able to play UT3, Crysis, and Fallout 3 with ease? Will it also be able to handle online multiplayer?

A pre-assembled computer is what I would prefer. Even if it is a bit more.

I searched on Cragslist and this is the only deal available in my city. Would you suggest going this route? It also mentions that the item is just a base model, so I am assuming he/she can build up better gaming rigs.

By the way, I would probably put my budget around $1,500.

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 21:01:00 GMT
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The Gateway will play UT3 and Fallout well, and it'll easily handle multiplayer like it's nobody's

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business. Crysis may be a bit more of a problem, but all PC's struggle with it. The performance you want will depend on your components, screen resolution, and the amount of eye candy you'd like. This goes for all computers, and is part of the challenge of buying one, and it gets even more finicky if you aim to build one.

One thing I would like to mention is that the Gateway may be more limited in terms of future upgradeability like newer video cards because the power supply may not be too expandable. I'd look up the model on Google and see how people do in the upgrade department with it.

What the dude on Craigslist is pitching isn't terribly impressive, and you can do better if you go through a large company or build it yourself.

For $1,500, you can build yourself a real beast though, and if you're game for a powerhouse that will last you for quite a while, with a lot of upgrade options, then I'd see what people here can suggest for you too. There's a new Intel platform just around the corner which looks to be very impressive, so if you can wait for a couple weeks, then you may get more value for your dollar!

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Tue, 01 Sep 2009 00:21:33 GMT
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Well, then I am open for suggestion on what I should do. I can wait. If I were to get the Alienware, I was going to wait anyways until they load their computers with 7.

So anyways, what should I do with $1,500 that could handle high performance games such as Crysis, or as powerful as I could manage on this budget?

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by nikki6ixx on Sat, 05 Sep 2009 21:04:16 GMT
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This is a good idea of what about 1,500 can net you right now, if you build one yourself:

http://www.techspot.com/guides/187-buying-guide-200908/page4.html

Keep in mind they also include monitor, speakers and other things like a sound card in the price, so you can decide if those are needed. If they aren't, you can probably save some money, or put the difference to an SSD.

Of course, there's always new stuff coming, but I think this is a good starting point for researching parts, and such.

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..

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Posted by slosha on Sun, 06 Sep 2009 00:25:18 GMT

That site isn't loading for me atm.

I am assuming by SSD you mean Solid State Drive. What are the differences between that and a regular HDD. I have seen a demo on the PS3 and loading was faster, but is there other advantages?

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by Jzinsky on Sun, 06 Sep 2009 04:31:59 GMT

Building your own is easy (until something goes wrong, but that's what these support areas are for )

The advantage is you get a system to your specs, the disadvantage is you then find you could get something similar for about half the price (like once I'd built mine!)

If you can use a screwdriver, read a manual and recognise what plug fits what slot then you're pretty much laughing

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by CarrierII on Sun, 06 Sep 2009 10:01:55 GMT

SSD's probably have a longer life (no mechanical parts) on top of their very much faster loading speed. (once again, due to no mechanical parts).

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Sun, 06 Sep 2009 15:47:02 GMT

Well, then I really want to get a SSD then.

However, I don't think I have the patience to build a computer. I barely had enough patience with Legos, so I never build what the box showed.

Are there any other deals besides the ones listed above?

nikki6ixx wrote on Sat, 05 September 2009 16:04

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http://www.techspot.com/guides/187-buying-guide-200908/page4.html

Is there a place I could get something like the setup shown here pre-built?

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## Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by nikki6ixx on Sun, 06 Sep 2009 16:19:56 GMT
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Glock~ wrote on Sun, 06 September 2009 10:47
nikki6ixx wrote on Sat, 05 September 2009 16:04
http://www.techspot.com/guides/187-buying-guide-200908/page4.html

Is there a place I could get something like the setup shown here pre-built?

I checked iBuyPower's website, and you can customize a 'Gamer Paladin F725 with a Core i7, Radeon 4890, 1TB Hard Drive, 64GB SSD, a good case (CM HAF 922) and Corsair power supply for $1468. But remember that likely won't include tax or shipping.

You can configure one here: http://www.ibuypower.com/Store/Configurators.aspx?mid=375

Cyberpower also does Core i7 Systems, and their starting point is actually very reasonable: http://www.cyberpowerpc.com/system/Core_i7_Configurator/

The configurators look scary though, because of the shit-ton of options.

Or, on newegg, you can check out:

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16883113101

http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16883229107

The Gateway and Cyberpower ones both look pretty decent, especially for the price. Just maybe double check with Cyberpower that their model comes with a Radeon 4890 and not a 4870. Neither have an SSD though, which isn't too big of a deal.

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## Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 00:17:12 GMT
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Ok, and how power of a computer would the one from iBuyPower that you said be?

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## Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 00:21:12 GMT

The one I configured from iBuyPower would be, in my opinion, pretty fucking awesome. It'll blast through everything, at a great resolution. You'd be getting great FPS' and eye candy at HD (1920x1080) resolution  for most games.

You'll likely need to watch out how you configure the drives though, because you want them to install Windows onto the 64GB SSD.

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 00:42:44 GMT

So make the SSD the primary drive and the regular the secondary?

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by nikki6ixx on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 00:55:25 GMT

Yeah, I believe that's how it's supposed to go.

I kinda wish this thread could be in General Discussion, because there are people on this site that are really awesome with this stuff, and could give better help than me.

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Mon, 07 Sep 2009 01:02:05 GMT

Alright, well thanks for your help. Once I get all the cash I think I will buy one of those Paladadin computers.

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by nikki6ixx on Wed, 09 Sep 2009 03:10:37 GMT

Intel released their new P55/Socket 1156 lines, and it looks like they'll be the sweet spot if you're just looking for great gaming performance, and don't care about how fast you render videos, or whatever. It's also much cheaper, so you'll wanna look into prebuilt system's that have Core i5 750's or i7 860's.

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Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by Homey on Thu, 10 Sep 2009 02:47:41 GMT
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nikki6ixx wrote on Tue, 08 September 2009 23:10Intel released their new P55/Socket 1156 lines, and it looks like they'll be the sweet spot if you're just looking for great gaming performance, and don't care about how fast you render videos, or whatever. It's also much cheaper, so you'll wanna look into prebuilt system's that have Core i5 750's or i7 860's.
Seconded. i5 would be perfect unless you're looking for tri/quad sli/cross fire and need the extra pci-e bandwidth.

Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Fri, 11 Sep 2009 01:32:25 GMT
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What do you mean by 'rendering video?'

Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by nikki6ixx on Fri, 11 Sep 2009 02:38:02 GMT
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Stuff like encoding DVD's to different file formats, or creating your own video content, like 3D movies, or home video. A Core i7 CPU has 'hyperthreading' so it's insanely fast at running that sort of stuff, as well as other media-centric and productivity programs.

However, if you're just primarily gaming, then that sort of thing isn't really necessary at all. An i5-750 doesn't have it, and is thus much cheaper, so you can put more coin to a beefier graphics card.

Subject: Re: Could this computer handle..
Posted by slosha on Fri, 11 Sep 2009 19:27:58 GMT
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Then I'll just go with whatever that Paladin thing has then. I will never create my own videos