
Subject: What should I buy?

Posted by [snpr1101](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 07:38:17 GMT

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sup, just sent pc in to get fixed. Basically got that nvlddmkm error for Nvidia (Display Driver has stopped responding but has recovered) - basically screen goes black every time you try to launch a game and fucks up. Then eventually PC blue screened, and every time I reboot the screen has vertical lines running down it.

So yea, \$60 just for them to look at it, \$110 labor fee +whatever other shit I need to buy.

I know the graphics card is fucked, tis an old Nvidia 7500 LE.

And teh Power supplys' power button doesn't stay off when you turn the switch off at the back, it just flicks back to on. Anyone know the cause of that?

PSU still works fine, so I'll probably just be up for a new Gcard.

If this is the case, anyone have any suggestions as to what might be a decent card to buy? I dont want to spend anything over \$300.

Think PC specs are:

3.2Ghz AMD special editon black CPU (O_o)

Mobo: Lanparty 7900Gx

1GB Ram

Can't remem PSU

soz for the tldr, but yea opinions are valued. Basically I only play ren / might get back into WoW depending how boring life gets.

Subject: Re: What should I buy?

Posted by [Wiener](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 08:03:53 GMT

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All depends on how much money you want to spend in it

PS: and move to tech support

Subject: Re: What should I buy?

Posted by [snpr1101](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 08:12:30 GMT

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PLs read teh message bro, i specified how much I was willing to spend.

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 08:34:11 GMT
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Are those US Dollar or AUS Dollar?

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [Wiener](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 08:41:03 GMT
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sorry, I missed that.

First I would at least double your RAM (depending on your OS maybe even 4GB) as DDR2 aint that expensive.

If you want to stick with NV gpu, I am pretty sure that their lower cards (260 gtx) will drop in price a bit with todays launch of the 470/480 (but you may not have the time as you need it to be fixed asap?). There is probably a decent ATI 5xxx but I wouldnt know which one to pick.

IMO it is important to choose a decent brand once you decided on a model. So look for msi, Zotac ... and avoid XFX and similar cheap ones.

PS: your mb is 790 gx instead of 7900 right?

edit: and about your the psu: sounds like physically broken but If its only the switch you could simply use one of those:

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000HJ982K/ref=sr_1_3/182-5569561-9520203?ie=UTF8&s=sporting-goods&qid=1220538230&sr=8-3%29

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [snpr1101](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 09:13:16 GMT
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Aus Dollars.

I guess it will all depend on the stock they have in the store I guess or around the city where I Live.

but yea cheers for the advice.

Why do you suggest getting 4GB RAM?

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 09:33:39 GMT
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Extra RAM will always give a boost in "smoothness".

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [Wiener](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 15:52:10 GMT
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whats your OS?

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [snpr1101](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 22:35:01 GMT
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Wiener wrote on Fri, 26 March 2010 09:52whats your OS?

Windows Vista Home Premium I think - 32bit

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [Caveman](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 23:23:00 GMT
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Just like to say I have always used XFX GFX cards and I have never had a problem with them. I once forgot to plug the fan back in on my XFX 7900GS and the temp quickly hit 130c (yes C) (which I didnt know at the time) and I ran it like this for several hours.. even though I kept getting FPS drops every 2mins where the GFX turned off because it hit 130c and then back on again and still didnt have any problems, in fact im still using that same card now and its been a good 2-3years now.

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [Wiener](#) on Fri, 26 Mar 2010 23:51:46 GMT
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xfx doesnt build the gpu... just the card and the fan (not literally). and afaik alot of users are

complaining about xfx cheap fans

Well, the gtx480 is out... unfortunately its so freaking hot and needs a hell of power, so a lot will choose 5870 instead. hence ati prices wont drop.

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Subject: Re: What should I buy?

Posted by [Caveman](#) on Sat, 27 Mar 2010 12:45:03 GMT

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On topic;

A GTX260/275 will be more then enough for todays games and it will still be a good card in the years to come. The only time the 260/275 is going to become outdated is when DX11 finally comes mainstream.

Dont get anything lower in the GT/S/X series then the 260 they're extremely cut down versions below this.

I cant say which ATi card to buy because I dont follow there cards. I think the 5870? is a good and cheap-ish card. But dont hold me to that.

Off topic;

XFX hasn't been a problem to me, saying that I haven't had any problems with any NV cards. my (reborn's) G4 Ti4200 is still working to this day and thats a good 8 years old.

If you personally haven't had any problems with XFX then you can't really tell someone that they're crap.

Subject: Re: What should I buy?

Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Sat, 27 Mar 2010 20:00:16 GMT

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Apparently if you get a SSD drive it is fast enough to add performance to your system as virtual memory.

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [Homey](#) on Sun, 28 Mar 2010 06:57:51 GMT
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GTX 260, 275
Ati 4870, 4890, 5770, 5850 (might be out of range)

Also need your PSU model/make to see what it can handle. Need more info about the CPU, ram would be a good addition as was mentioned above.

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 28 Mar 2010 17:08:46 GMT
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\$300 AUS should net you a good card like nVidia's GTX 260. It's a shame things are quite a bit more expensive that way,

Finding a 4870/4890 from ATI will be tough because those cards are 'End of Life' and have been replaced by the 5xxx Series.

Just from looking at Australian hardware site, the GTX 260's are \$250+.

However, you'll want to buy way more memory, and keeping your \$300 budget means you'll have to likely lower the amount you can spend on a graphics card. An nVidia GT250 could fit the bill, and same goes for an ATI 4850, although that card is EOL, too.

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [nope.avi](#) on Sun, 28 Mar 2010 19:36:46 GMT
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Quick hijack: When installing hardware is static electricity really that big of a deal?

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 28 Mar 2010 19:53:25 GMT
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bakerrrr wrote on Sun, 28 March 2010 20:36 Quick hijack: When installing hardware is static electricity really that big of a deal?

It actually is, but you just need to be smart about it. If you can, work barefoot on a tile floor, don't wear a big Canadian wool sweater, and just keep one hand on the case to discharge the static.

Subject: Re: What should I buy?
Posted by [Boofst0rm](#) on Mon, 29 Mar 2010 02:43:53 GMT
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one of the cheapest place in australia
<http://www.msy.com.au/>

parts list
<http://www.msy.com.au/Parts/PARTS.pdf>

GTX260 - \$213
ATI 5770 - \$172

then spend the rest on the ram you need
