Subject: Mac to PC migration
Posted by imajon on Thu, 24 Mar 2011 12:40:20 GMT
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Long time Mac user but moving to PC since all new development is on that platform (Thanks Mike)
New territory for me so I thought post my intentions and get some feedback.
I am looking at ADK to put it together for me. Gigabyte-AMD 790XT MBO w/ 3 PCI slots
AMD Phenom 1090T 3.2 ghz 6 core.

700 Watt PSU
4 gig mem
Win 7 32 bit pro OS with Mikes XP Drivers.

My big concern is the pci slots (3) I have a 3 card system and read a little about IRQ conflicts. My brain cells have not been exposed to these bugs living in Mac land for so long so I thought Id get feedback from the PC experts on the forum.
I do have a 7 slot magma chassis / PCI Host card but wondered if there are any issues I need to know about. Special instructions for tweeking etc.

If I go with the Magma chassis for the cards ... it does open up more MBO/ Processor possibilities but like the idea of all in one box to save on space.

Thanks
Kurt

UPDATE: ADK Does not recommend the AMD AM3 series so the above build is Null and Void
They recommend intel i7. This would require running Paris cards in magma chassis due to only 1 available legacy pci slot.

Subject: Re: Mac to PC migration
Posted by kerryg on Sat, 26 Mar 2011 21:13:13 GMT
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I'm no PC expert (and often not even very PC) but the IRQ issues on PC have been minimized by Mike's great work on the multicore drivers. Here's a thought for you - have you considered putting together a Hackintosh and having a dual-boot system? I did it, and it's worked great.

Subject: Re: Mac to PC migration
Posted by imajon on Sat, 26 Mar 2011 22:09:50 GMT
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I have heard the term Hackintosh but never checked it out. I googled it and looks like running Mac

on a PC. I assume you are running Paris booted into Windows. Whats your set up. Tell me the advantages for you over just running on a PC without the Hackintosh. BTW I have several macs I use for everything else but my goal is a music only computer that puts all software on one (More Modern) platform. Not many options with mac OS9 and older macs that can run it.

Speaking of Hackintosh, here is my original "RackMac" I built from a dual 1.25ghz Mirror Drive Door Wind tunnel Mac. This is what I am using currently
http://www.rackmac.imajon.com/
Thanks

Subject: Re: Mac to PC migration
Posted by mani1147 on Sun, 27 Mar 2011 02:57:10 GMT
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Hey Kurt, here is a Gearslutz post of my 3EDS/i7 PC build last year.

 http://www.gearslutz.com/board/music-computers/456966-new-da
w-build-based-around-gigabyte-ga-p55-ud3l-lga-1156-a.html

I had a post/pics here with info on the case mod to fit the long EDS cards but I cant seem to find it.

Anyhow, the system works awsome and no extra magma/virtuavia needed with this i7 mobo.

Good luck
Rob

Subject: Re: Mac to PC migration
Posted by imajon on Sun, 27 Mar 2011 06:10:41 GMT
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Thanks Rob

Thanks for the reply
How do the eds cards fit?
Looks like from pics of the MBO that the rear of middle eds card might get in the way of the SATA sockets. Hard to tell from a pic.
Anyway I will be researching availability of older MBO's as they get out of date rather quickly.

Thanks
Kurt

Subject: Re: Mac to PC migration
Posted by Ted Gerber on Sun, 27 Mar 2011 16:21:23 GMT

Here's that thread

http://kerrygalloway.com/ParisForums/index.php?t=msg&got o=104803&#msg_104803

Subject: Re: Mac to PC migration
Posted by imajon on Mon, 28 Mar 2011 04:54:42 GMT

Thanks
I going for a rack mount case which will give me some more room.
I am a bit squeamish leaving my mac behind, like deserting one of my children. Its still runs well, just to limited and getting harder to keep up. Running SATA drives with firmtek SATA Card in that one so I might be able to use the drives in the new build.

Thanks for all the good advice
Kurt