
Subject: For PARIS Mac users thinking of moving into PARIS PC
Posted by [kerryg](#) on Wed, 19 Nov 2008 21:59:11 GMT

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Subject: Re: For PARIS Mac users thinking of moving into PARIS PC
Posted by [TC](#) on Wed, 19 Nov 2008 22:38:46 GMT

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Hi Guys,

I can share my experience a bit. First of all, my objective was to keep things bone simple, and use the pc only for paris (I've got 2 mac pro's that will be integrated with it, so I didn't need anything fancy).

My other thought was to go single core Athlon, also to keep things simple. I ended up going on ebay and grabbing a bare bones system consisting of atx case, mobo and cpu, with 1gb of ram.

Specs were:

CPU AMD Athlon 64 LE-1640 AM2 (2.7GHz) 45W 2000MHz FSB
Memory 1 Kingston DDR2 PC2-6400 1GB/800MHz
Motherboard BIOSTAR MCP6P-M2 (NVIDIA GF6150,SATAII,RAID,DDR2-800)
Video NVIDIA GeForce 6150 GPU Memory Share Up to 512MB
Audio Onboard High Definition Audio
Network Card Onboard Network Card
Case G-Power Stylish Deluxe Black Case (9021)
Power Supply 450W ATX Power Supply

These were all brand new parts. Cost was \$144.00. Now, this system only has 2 pci slots and one pcie, so I am using a pcie-pci expansion chassis with 4 eds cards (virtuavia).

I added my own hard drives that were kicking around, and a (new) dual pci video card also from ebay for around \$60 (there's onboard vga, but that only powers one display).

I just temporarily borrowed the cd rom drive from my mac to install windows xp. I installed the stripped down version of XP, but I have an xp pro license here as well for it (I always like to do things legit as everyone deserves to make a living from their hard work).

That's it. very inexpensive, brand new parts and runs great so far. Very easy to get up and running with paris, and far beyond the systems I've used with Paris in the past. In my opinion, keep it for paris only and keep it dirt simple.

If you need something to run cubase and paris etc, and need anything beyond the basics, then get someone like Chris L to build it for you and save the headaches.

Cheers,

TC

KerryGalloway wrote:

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