Subject: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by ganttmann1 on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 18:19:06 GMT

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OK. I've been Mac dude all my adult computer life. But I've learned a bit about navigating Windows in the last year and I'm now looking for a PC to run Paris on. Kerry has very kindly been advising me - well, looking at my idiotic emails and making suggestions and comments. So I know I need PCI slots, which are not as common on PC's as I'd'a thought. 3 seems to be the max I'm seeing but I have a Magma 13 slot expansion chassis so I'm not too stressed about that. What advantage is a dual processor PC for Paris? I found this on craigslist:

MS Windows XP Pro
Pentium 4
1.0 GB RAM Single Channel DDR @ 200MHz
Motherboard is a ASUS P5GPL-X (LGA 775)
Graphics card is a Syncmaster X1300
2 hard drives - Both are Western Digital one is 160GB the other is 400GB
Dual disc drives

$220 w/ keyboard and a 17" LCD monitor. I'm using a 1.25 gHz G4 and I want to see a significant increase in performance. What should I be looking for? What should I be avoiding? When comparing motherboards are there things other than the number of PCI slots to be aware of?

I feel so stupid!

Thanks,

Gantt

Subject: Re: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by dnafe on Thu, 05 Aug 2010 19:46:01 GMT

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Normally when I read someone is moving to the dark side they're moving over to PT. Glad to hear it's only a PC

Subject: Re: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by ganttmann1 on Fri, 06 Aug 2010 13:46:37 GMT

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Yup. The OTHER Dark Side.

Subject: Re: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by RonA on Sat, 07 Aug 2010 19:32:35 GMT

Wish I could help, but I'm not a computer guy, either. I wish someone here would write a detailed description of exactly what a custom PARIS XP computer should include. I still don't get the Virtuavia thing: it says on the Virtuavia website that you must buy an ATX box with a power supply. But one of their products seems to come with its own box/power supply.

But to be honest, part of my hesitancy to jump in and upgrade PARIS is a temptation to go with Logic and iMac. If I stay with PARIS, I'll have to buy an up-to-date sequencing app like Sonar XP, install a separate audio card for that, so that I can use Melodyne with that app when I want to do audio to midi conversion. It's tempting to just go with a current product, so that I have truly integrated midi, and no external chassis issues...

Then I think about how much I dig the PARIS vibe, and that beautiful gui, and all the cash I've sunk into this DAW...

Sorry I hijacked the thread!

Ron

Subject: Re: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by ganttmann1 on Sat, 07 Aug 2010 21:03:44 GMT

Found this:

COMPUTER PC:
INTEL CORE2 - 3.2GHZ, 850GB 2 Hard Drive, 4GB DDR2 PC-6400 , WINDOWS7-64BITS,
700 Watt Power Supply with 12mm fan
Here is detail of this customized PC Core2 Specifications:
Operating System: Microsoft Windows 7-64bits
Motherboard Chipset: ASUS P5QL features ExpressGATE Intel P43/G45 Express Chipset
Processor: Intel Pentium Core 2 Processor
Processor Speed: 3.2 GHZ

Comes loaded w/ Windows 7. Can any PC be "down-graded" to Windows XP?   This one looks like a beast if it can! 3 PCI slots and lots of extra stuff.

Subject: Re: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by ganttmann1 on Sat, 07 Aug 2010 21:05:00 GMT

Subject: Re: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by RonA on Sun, 08 Aug 2010 00:28:49 GMT

Thanks for the detailed breakdown, Gantt. This type of information helps.

Ron

Subject: Re: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by ganttmann1 on Sun, 08 Aug 2010 01:08:28 GMT

Hi ROn,

I'm not putting this out as a suggestion but as a question! I don't know what will work either, but I'm bound and determined to find out.

Gantt

RonA wrote on Sat, 07 August 2010 20:28Thanks for the detailed breakdown, Gantt. This type of information helps.

Ron

Subject: Re: Going over to the DARK SIDE!
Posted by rokuez on Sun, 15 Aug 2010 09:33:58 GMT

to date this is the most modern windows 7 / xp rig that works for paris

 http://kerrygalloway.com/ParisForums/index.php?t=msg&th= 14979&start=0&

"Dual Six-Core Opteron 2.2GHz
Supermicro H8DA8-2 mobo
8GB RAM
Promise SuperTrak EX8650 8 channel RAID
Two Firewire800 cards
Two Acer touchscreens

UAD2-Quad
TC Powercore 6000

VirtuaVia expansion chassis with 4 EDS-1000 cards, 2 MECs

RME Fireface 800
Native KORE 2
Novation Remote Zero SL
ESI M8U XL MIDI Interface

Win Xp Pro 32 bit
Win 7 64 bit

Cubase 5
Native Komplete 5, Komplete 6"

thanks to hungaristan i'm going to build my rig like this.

he has to run xp to run paris but once the win 7 drivers are done that rig will be ready for those new drivers!