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Subject: Going over to the DARK SIDE!

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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

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