
Subject: Sometimes it really pays to be a geek
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Woke up this morning and came upstairs to my office where I was met with a post screen saying that my system drive was nowhere to be found. First of all, I hadn't rebooted my machine before I went to bed so I suspected something disastrous right there. Anyway, I pulled the system drive and put in in my other backup office computer. It worked (both mobos are VIA chipset) so I started scratching around here looking for another mobo with a VIA chipset so I could avoid having to jump through a bunch of hoops and I found an old ASUS A8V-DLX here that I has scorched pretty good hotswapping PCI cards in a while back. I had figured it was toast but I figured I'd give it a try. It's just a bit blackened around the edges of a couple of the slots. I poked around until I found my old AMD dualcore 4400 and heatsink that I had replaced with the Opteron 185, snagged a couple of PC 2700 RAM sticks out of my old Paris 333 MHZ mobo, dropped them in the (400 MHZ rated) RAM slots, installed the CPU, loaded the AGP card from the dead computer and tested it. All the PCI slots worked but the onboard NIC and audio controller was toast so I dropped an old Intel Gigabyte NIC card and a Soundblaster in it and I'm good as new.

I am typing this on the new frankencomp.

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