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Subject: 3 EDS cards on Mac  
Posted by [Al Corey](#) on Wed, 10 Jan 2007 06:09:43 GMT  
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 10 Jan 2007 06:20:22 GMT  
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Yes you can have 3 EDS cards. They are connected by cross over ribbon cables that are connected between the EDS cards.

James

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Subject: Re: 3 EDS cards on Mac  
Posted by [Carl Amburn](#) on Wed, 10 Jan 2007 07:42:00 GMT  
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"Al Corey" <[alcorey@cox.net](mailto:alcorey@cox.net)> wrote in message [news:45a48ad9\\$1@linux...](mailto:news:45a48ad9$1@linux...)

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Wed, 10 Jan 2007 15:18:48 GMT

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At any rate, I just wanted to configure this 3 card system on my G4-500 and get it all working together before I move Paris to a newer Mac I just purchased. I got a 1.25 GHZ MDD G4 single processor because that is the last & fastest machine they made that boots 9.2, and not needing the dual processors for Paris it made sense to get the single processor machine as it runs quiter also (which was again some very helpful advice from this NG) So thanks again all!

Al Corey

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Hi again Al,  
Great to hear that you've got the 3 EDS cards running on your G4. I've heard that there's quite a bit of variation in various G4 Mac models, and so some trial and error stuff is necessary. Mine's an 833Mhz, but I've just bought a single-processor mirror door 1.25Mhz and I hope to install PARIS soon; hopefully it will run even better.  
I would love to hear your install notes if you are doing this sometime soon.  
Cheers, simmo.

I would love

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