Subject: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by [rokuez](#) on Thu, 25 Feb 2010 09:57:00 GMT
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I have a macbook pro that can run windows xp sp2

if i get this

 http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/expresscard-34-to-pci-expansion -box-p29858.html

and 4 eds 1000 cards

Could i run paris on my macbook pro if it booted up xp ?

then i could hook up an external HD to the firewire of the macbook pro for my external HD

if u see any flaws with my plan let me know please!!!

Also let me know if thats the correct viruavia chasis!

Subject: Re: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by [rokuez](#) on Thu, 25 Feb 2010 10:01:20 GMT
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I've read that

 http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/expresscard-34-to-pci-expansion -box-p29858.html

&

 http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/pcie-4-x-pci-expansion-atx-kit. html

will both work

however this
 http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/expresscard-34-to-pci-expansion -box-p29858.html   (first link)

looks perfect for working with a notebook that has a PCIe slot

However in red text it says "IMPORTANT : MAX 38 W Consumption for 4 CARDS
Will not work for more
If you need more power please take the ATX Case version
Up to 500 W "

will four EDS 1000 cards use more then 38 W?

Subject: Re: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by kerryg on Thu, 25 Feb 2010 16:01:33 GMT
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The 38w box will not work - EDS cards are power hungry and four of them will want at least ten times that as a minimum for stable operation, preferably more. You definitely want to go with your own ATX case and a very robust power supply.

Subject: Re: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by temetrepo on Fri, 26 Feb 2010 00:51:48 GMT
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This virtuavia box looks interesting
hmmmm

Subject: Re: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by kerryg on Fri, 26 Feb 2010 01:05:02 GMT
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Users are reporting excellent results - in some ways better than Magma (no drivers needed). One big advantage is that if you upgrade your computer you only have a single card to switch into the new one (your EDS cards stay hooked up in the chassis and don't know anything's different until they wake up and find out they now have new resources).

Subject: Re: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by rokuez on Mon, 07 Jun 2010 09:12:59 GMT
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bump

I'm debating wether to go with the

 http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/pcie-4-x-pci-expansion-atx-kit. html that can have a max of four EDS 1000 cards

or a

Magma chasis... can anyone care to give me the specific model name of the 12 card magma chasis systems that will work with Paris, I want to be 100% positive Magma PCI Expansion Chassis 13-Slot is the one that i believe works but i don't have a precise model name

I'm trying to determine the pros and cons.

Subject: Re: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by TC11 on Sat, 19 Jun 2010 05:33:45 GMT
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I would go with the Virtuavia, put it in an atx case with a beefy power supply, and you'll be good to go.

I've got 4 cards in one, running on a mac pro tower on XP, no installation headaches, and it worked right away.

The older magma stuff might not be quite as flexible and you have to make sure you get the

correct version, etc. etc. sounds like more of a headache..

Subject: Re: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by rokuez on Sat, 19 Jun 2010 08:45:30 GMT
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the Virtuavia definitely looks like the superior choice

but i'm looking at the cable connections

there are four pci slots in there for the eds 1000 cards

but the pci express output slot looks like this

 http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/images/detailed_images/full_non _kit_1024_03.jpg

which looks like a video card out....?

I have a macbook pro with a pci express slot, and i'm trying to find an adapter card so that I can use a cable with this type of connection

 http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/images/detailed_images/full_non _kit_1024_03.jpg

anyone know what this type of adapter is called when used with pci express instead of video?

and what kind of pci express adapter card to get for the macbook pro for this virtuavia setup

Subject: Re: Virtuavia chasis + macbook pro running XP + firewire for 2nd HD for Paris?
Posted by TC11 on Sat, 19 Jun 2010 15:58:25 GMT
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I got this one and just put it in my own atx case that I bought locally along with a beefy power

supply. I've got 4 eds cards in it with no problems.

  http://www.virtuavia.eu/shop/index.php?target=products&p roduct_id=29891&sl=EN

When you put it in your basket, just choose the connector type (express card 34, pcie or both). So in your case just choose express card 34.

http:// www.virtuavia.eu/shop/expresscard-34-4-x-pci-expansion-atx-k it.html

The cable going from the chassis to the connector does indeed have the same ends as a dvi video card (so you have to be carful not to accedentially plug it into your video card or plug your monitor into it for those who get the pcie connector..).