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Posted by [Terry T](#) on Fri, 02 May 2008 22:21:55 GMT

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Posted by [kerryg](#) on Sat, 03 May 2008 18:32:56 GMT

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I know this was just a typo - but I loved it anyway. Keep up the defiance!  
:D

- Kerry

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Subject: Re: Question for Mike Audet ?

Posted by [mike audet\[1\]](#) on Sat, 03 May 2008 21:36:54 GMT

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Hi Terry,

I'd keep 98/Me if you can and dual boot. Some have said that the sound in 98 is different. I've just noticed that the XP driver is a bit temperamental.

Also, XP disk caching is a pain in the ass if you don't have more than a GB of ram (1.5 GB plus). Just for your own flexibility for getting around any XP issues when you need to, I hope you'll keep 98.

Cheers,

Mike

"Terry Thomas" <god1st@alltel.net> wrote:

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>I still plan on keeping windows 98, I want another box with XP " to see  
>if

>the grass is greener on the other side.

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>"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not\_here.dude> wrote:

>>If I might suggest, I personally saw Brian T stream a lot more tracks than

>

>>that from an old Win ME AMD Athlon system. Might be worth trying to reach

>

>>him in Houston for a little consulting advice before you dump your system.  
>>  
>>AA  
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>>"Terry Thomas" <god1stjt@alltel.net> wrote in message  
>>news:481c9e39\$1@linux...  
>>>  
>>> Hey Mike! Thanks for responding.  
>>>  
>>> I guess its' back to the internet to find a motherboard to work with

>>> Paris,  
>>> because i defiantly need to upgrade. Right now I'm working on a project  
>  
>>> with  
>>> 40 tracks, and if I try to play them simultaneously it will freeze with  
>  
>>> this  
>>> warning "The data could not be read fast enough from disk. Use a faster  
>  
>>> drive".  
>>> I have tried ajusting the Disk I/O size and the Disk Cache size and  
>>> nothing  
>>> changes. So If I want to listen to Sub-1 and Sub-2, I would have to  
pull  
>>> Sub-3 from the playing field and put it in an object jail, until I can  
>do  
>>> a mixdown of either Sub-1 or Sub-2. It takes a little longer but it works.  
>>> If by chance you come across a motherboard that would work let me know  
>or  
>>> if you have a solution to my problem let me know that as well.  
>>>  
>>>  
>>> "Mike Audet" <mike@....> wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>>Hi Terry,  
>>>>  
>>>>My current franken-puter is one that I am most proud of. I wanted a

>>>>modern  
>>>>PC that could run Windows 98 and Windows XP with PARIS. The AM2NF3 was  
>>> the  
>>>>only AM2 board I could find that looked like it would do the trick, but  
>>> it  
>>>>explicitly said that it didn't support Windows 98.  
>>>>  
>>>>I bought it anyway, and made it work.

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>>>>I use Windows 98 for testing plugins and using the ADAT card with my LX  
>>> 20.  
>>>> I use XP for everything else.  
>>>>  
>>>>Things to note about the AM2NF3:  
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>>>>The ide cables are in the way of full length PCI cards on all but the  
>  
>>>>bottom  
>>>>2 slots. I use a magma, so it doesn't affect me. IDE cables that have  
>>> low  
>>>>profile connectors may alleviate this, I don't know.  
>>>>  
>>>>Windows 98 will not work with Nvidia agp cards on this board. I don't  
>  
>>>>know  
>>>>why. I tried everything I could think of to get a 6200 and a 6800 to  
>work  
>>>>without any success. I've got a G550 working fine right now. My G400  
>  
>>>>worked,  
>>>>too.  
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>>>>You have to disable the built in audio under windows 98. There are no  
>  
>>>>drivers  
>>>>for it.  
>>>>  
>>>>Getting 98 into safe mode requires a trick when you've got more than  
1GB  
>>>>or ram. you have to add a line to the system.sb file, I think.  
>>>>  
>>>>IDE drives bigger than 120 GB require a third party driver. I'd have  
>to  
>>>>look up his site. Rudolph Lowe, I believe.  
>>>>  
>>>>SATA drives bigger than 120 GB will not work in Windows 98 no matter  
what.  
>>>> I had to disable the port in the 98 driver to get it to ignore the larger  
>>>>drive.  
>>>>  
>>>>You need to scavenge the USB 98 drivers from other MB makers. I can  
send  
>>>>you these if you need them.  
>>>>  
>>>>You need to limit the RAM available in Windows 98 using MSConfig to 512

>>> MB  
>>>>or all hell breaks loose.  
>>>>  
>>>>As for availability, it's been discontinued. I've been keeping my eyes  
>>> on  
>>>>ebay for a spare in case mine dies. I got my first one by ordering it  
>  
>>>>from  
>>>>a British website. It was never sold in North America. The shipping  
>cost  
>>>>sucked.  
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