Subject: XP vs. OS9 -- did soul-searching, need advice
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So, I've come to a crossroads. I'm going to rewire everything in my studio to neaten things up, and will take this opprtunity to also spruce up some of the hardware.

I'm a Mac guy. Always have been (except when I was an Amiga guy).

However, considering that driver development has died at OS9, and it doesn't seem that any of the attempts to create OSX drivers are going to happen, I'm faced with a choice.

My G4 is very long in the tooth. Mike Audet's magical goodies are Windows-flavored. I also have a P4 Dell tower sitting here with nothing to do. The siren song of a much faster (2GHz vs. 450MHZ) processor for native plugins is in my ears.

As long as I build it as an optimized Paris machine, and leave the internet crap to either my G5 or my other Dell tower, will I be happy running Paris under XP? Will I notice a difference? Do Chuck's plugins come in Windows flavor?

I guess I'm also looking at the relative costs of multi-head video cards for windows vs. the same card for a Mac, especially an older Mac. I have fancy-assed video cards for Windows on hand.

I've always liked the "Just plug the card in and it works" aspect of Paris:Mac. I've enjoyed seeing pages and pages of tweaks to make it happy under Windows. But it looks like I may need to go that route.

One more question: If I bought a bundle from ebay, and it included a 3.0 cd with license sticker, will ID still authorize me? I have no freakin' clue who the original owner was to transfer it over to me.

Thanks.