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Posted by [Phil Aiken](#) on Mon, 02 Oct 2006 14:09:36 GMT

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>>>is discontinued. The one I got on eBay has a dual processor, decent (7200-160GB)  
>>>hard drive and 3 PCI and 4 PCIE slots. It cost me \$400 plus shipping.  
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>>>Of course, I'll be adding a 360 GB music drive, 2 GB of RAM, a dual monitor  
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>>>>Would this send my budget through the roof?  
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>>>>Any specific motherboard/processor recommendations?  
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>>>>Someone want to point me to the ideal system for my budget and needs?  
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>> Operating System (Desktop x64) MICROSOFT WINDOWS XP HOME W/SP  
> Don't know what the (desktop x64) means. If it is XP then it is 32bit.

Actually, there is a 64 bit version of WinXP. I have it, but have not yet installed it. You probably don't want it for Paris, I heard that backwards compat is a little silly and takes some performance hits doing so all the way up to BSOD trying to fly normal 32 bit apps.

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