Subject: Original PARIS machine dies at age 12
Posted by Sarahtonin on Wed, 18 Jan 2012 04:43:19 GMT
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Waaaa! My 12 year old Windows 98 Pentium PARIS machine is apparently dead of motherboard failure. I'm in the middle of a paid project w/deadlines, so I have limited time to remedy the situation. Unfortunately, I also have limited funds. Should I try and replace this old motherboard? Build a new Win98 or XP machine on the cheap? I'd love a fast new dedicated machine, but like I said, funds are limited. I have an older XP machine I could re-purpose, but I'd have to steal it back from my roommate who needs it for school. What's a mother to do?

Love,

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Subject: Re: Original PARIS machine dies at age 12
Posted by thesandbox1 on Wed, 18 Jan 2012 06:40:07 GMT
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sorry to hear....at first glance at the title post I thought maybe some PARIS component gave up the ghost.....naaahhhh

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Subject: Re: Original PARIS machine dies at age 12
Posted by Ted Gerber on Wed, 18 Jan 2012 21:55:53 GMT
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HI Sarah -

Normally you would not want to do anything that you will have to "undo" later, but since a new sleek machine is not possible - I would do whatever I needed to do to get through the existing project. If that means begging a machine from someone else, even if you have to give it back later - then you should do it.

The physical aspect is easy enough: unplug the EDS card(s) and plug it into the other box. Then the software auth needs to be done, but that is quick and easy (maybe easier than ever before). There might be an issue with re-authorizing plug ins from 3rd parties if you have some.

I would not throw a new motherboard into an old box. Build a complete new computer, or borrow back the one that your friend has to get you past this deadline, then re-assess.

FWIW

Ted

Subject: Re: Original PARIS machine dies at age 12
Posted by Sarahtonin on Wed, 18 Jan 2012 23:56:03 GMT
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Thanks Ted,

That helps. I am a little worried about the plug-ins though, since we have Waves Native Power Pack, which I use a lot, and cost a lot, if I remember correctly.

Thanks again,

Sarah