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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 13:37:36 GMT

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Posted by [gene lennon](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 14:33:04 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 19:03:00 GMT
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This may be the first *really* good reason I've heard for even considering a new Mac. I think what I like about it the most is that it is changing.the Mac.

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 20:17:44 GMT
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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 21:55:24 GMT
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You may be right, Deej. Let's see what they do. It would be nice if they didn't put any road blocks up to what's already seemingly possible.

My guess is if replacing the CPU works now, it'll work pretty much the same way later - but the new machines out at that time might be more optimized for the new chips. Just for fun I'll put a beer on that if yer

willin'.

What the heck, next time you're in Denver I'll buy you a beer anyway. :^)

How Apple handles CPU upgrades this time around won't affect me. I'm fine with my dual G5. The current Intel towers, while very nice, don't offer that much more than what I've already been using for the last couple of years.

But 8 cores might make it worth considering a new box next year. Not for audio, my system already has plenty horsepower for that, but for animation and possible 2K or even 4K video editing/compositing.

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 22:01:51 GMT
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Well I wouldn't put it past them, but let's hide and watch. We've been able to upgrade Apple CPU's for ever. They haven't necessarily been "pin for pin compatible"swap CPU's, but third party companies have offered upgrades for as long as I can remember. Maybe Apple will surprise us. I'm not gonna hold my breath, but you never know. The quad cores should be out by the time I'm looking to move up anyway! ;>)

Tony

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news:4508781f@linux...

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Posted by [gene Lennon\[3\]](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 22:04:22 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2006 22:40:31 GMT

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See???.....you Mac guys will put up with anything!

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Thu, 14 Sep 2006 13:05:02 GMT

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Fri, 15 Sep 2006 05:21:32 GMT
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Hi Chuck,
Yes engineers samples go out to review site first then out to vendors.
WE should be getting some in a 2 or 3 weeks I think. I believe they will
start to be ready available as long as there are no issues along the way
probably Oct/November.

Biggest issues for Xeons still are still heat and noise. Allot lest than
they used to be but for some reason still uses that stupid 604 based
socket design even thought the chips could easily use the 775 one like

the P4 and Conroe. Hardly anyone makes 3rd party CPU heat sinks so it is very difficult and more expensive trying to make them quiet. The Opterons are very easy to get quiet heat sinks for because they use the same socket as the x2.

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