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Posted by [Stephen Stecyk](#) on Tue, 07 Feb 2006 20:13:05 GMT
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Posted by [Stephen Stecyk](#) on Wed, 08 Feb 2006 02:32:42 GMT
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All the best,

Mike

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CPU performance between the same clock speed X2 and Opteron chips is
pretty much neck and neck. The benefits on the dual OPteron machines,

multiple PCI busses, faster memory performance. YOU will also be able to use up to 16 gigs of ram which is nice. You will also be able to use dual core Opteron chips in it so you will have 4 cpus.

Nuendo will not be able to use the Lynx and RME at the same time so I'm not sure what you plan is with that. If you occasionally need to use AES you would be better of just getting a RME DD4 or DD8 format converter for that. Also expect Gigastudio to give you some headaches also sense it doesn't properly support dual cpus. It will work but I would expect so growing pains. The TC should be fine with this setup.

I would not do the Dual core Opterons is you are using Gigastudio. If you don't use Giga then go for it is you can afford it. NUendo will use all four cpus.

The only motherboards for the Opterons worth getting are the TYan s2885 and s2895 models. If you are gonn use duak core cous then you will wanna get the Zalman 9500 heat sinks. Also only use you memory in groups of 4 i.e., 2 gigs = 4x 512, 4 gigs = 4x 1024 ram. YOU will get NUMA memory support which give you 10gigs/sec instead of the normal 5 gigs. Oh and at least a 550 watt EPS power supply. YOU also have to use XP SP2 on the OPterons to get the most out of them for the memory support.

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 2006 01:34:25 GMT

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