

# Re: Gaming System Recommendations

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Thanks for the recommendation, but I avoid pre-built systems like the plague. As it turns out, your post didn't show up on my system until well after you'd sent it...dunno what went wrong there...so I'd already bought something. See my other post in this thread if you're curious.

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"Darius Naderpour" <[darius\\_n@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:darius_n@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:0F597251-1E5F-46F1-BDA0-7B40A4FEA3FC@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Check out some of the new HP multimedia systems @ [www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com). I bought them8247c – amazing system, and I'm adding a 450 watt power supply and a nVidia 8800 gts card. Amazing gaming, cheap comparable to the super SLI tech stuff out there. A definite winner.

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Hi all,

I don't know if this is necessarily the best place to ask, but if not, I'm sure you'll all tell me where to go. :-)

I haven't put together a system from scratch in quite a while, or even looked at specs, so I need some recommendations for a "decent" gaming system and/or recommendations of things to stay away from. Links to articles, etc., are welcome. There's just so much information out there (and much of it out-of-date), I don't know where to start.

I'm not looking at the multi-thousand dollar uber-system, but something that's got more than enough kick for today's games and should be able to handle most games for the next two or three years, give or take an upgrade or two along the way. I'm willing to go up to about \$2000, but I'd prefer closer to \$1000 (Canadian \$...but since we're above par these days, call it the same as US\$). So here's what I'm looking for:

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In terms of hardware requirements, the only absolute needs I have on the motherboard are SATA-300, which I don't think should be hard to find, and dual-core (or more, if it's cheap enough). I lean very heavily towards the Intel chipsets, but I might be convinced to look at VIA or whatever else is out there these days, as long I'm not likely to have any problems with anything. I'm not big into tweaking, so I don't really need one of those tweak-everything BIOS's, but I'm comfortable making BIOS changes, so if it works well outta the box, great, but if it allows a lot of changes, that's okay too.

For video, I've only ever used nVidia cards, so I'd \*like\* to stick with those, but I'm not too picky, so if there's a good reason to go with an ATI card, I wouldn't object. I'd want something with a DVI output that can run modern games at 1680 x 1050 (widescreen) fairly well.

The system also doubles as my digitally-recorded-TV and CD/DVD player, so sound (be it on-board or separate) needs to have both 5.1 discrete outputs as well as optical output. (No inputs required, as I don't really need or plan to connect anything external.)

Any thoughts?

Rob