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I think:

It is a waste to spend more than \$1000 on any PC. You can build a top of the line PC for under \$1000. Look for systems online with rebates. I think it was Newegg.com not too long ago had a nice AMD 64 bit machine for \$1000 with a \$500 instant rebate.

Any new desktop PC must have 450+ watt power supply. Many newer ones come with 500 or even 600 watt.

Any video card you get, make sure it has at least 256MB RAM. I hear MS' next OS will require min 256MB video RAM. New laptops come with no video RAM, with a video chip built in to the Mobo capable of sharing at least 256MB.

I agree with the others, wait as long as you can to upgrade. In the next year or two they will come out with more new technology (and more production of current high end hardware), MS is supposed to have their new OS, and prices will come down a bunch more.

Dell is for people who don't know much about PCs. You can find cheaper comparable systems online. They charge extra for support. They suck you in with promises of cheap prices, then charge double or more once you configure that system to your minimum needs.

"bz" <nospam@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hi,

I am not sure what I want to do. Upgrade the video card or just buy a new dell.

I have a 2.8Ghz P4 w/ HT, 1Gig of memory, and a AGP ATI 9800 Pro with 128Meg.  
Antec 350W power supply.

I have noticed that my 350W PS is running pretty hard with my 9800Pro.

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My first plan is to upgrade the video card to a GeForce 7600, and upgrade to a bigger power supply to drive the card. This will set back around  $\$200 + \$100 = \$300$  bucks

My second plan is to go all out and buy a new dell for \$1400.

Should I just buy a new Dell XPS400 for \$1400 (this one comes with a nVidia 7800GTX)  
or should I look for a better AGP video card?

The Dell comes with a 7800GTX but only comes with a 375W power supply. Will that 375W enough? I don't want that fan inside the ps keeps cranking high all day.

What do you guys think?