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Subject: Re: New Computer Research

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I'm actually about to upgrade my computer as well, although my price range is \$1500 - \$2000 (CAN).

Since you're going AMD (I am too), I'd recommend either an Athlon 64 X2 4400+ or 4800+, since they have twice as much L2 cache compared to the 4200+ and 4600+.

Unless you're really keen on having absolute top components I'd get a motherboard with the nForce 570 chipset (make sure you get a socket AM2 processor, haha).

As for the video card:

I've always had ATI video cards, and I am planning to get a Radeon X1900 XT since it was the cheapest high-end card I could find. As for which out of the Radeon X1900 XTX and GeForce 7900 GTX is better, I'd recommend you figure out which games you want to use the new computer for and then find some benchmarks with both cards. They're pretty evenly matched although the 7900 is better for OpenGL-based games, and the X1900 seems to fair better with high resolutions and AA/AF enabled. The X1900 XT is nice because it's only clocked a tiny bit slower (and therefore priced quite a bit less) than the XTX but has the exact same architecture.

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