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Subject: Computer died -- Need advice on building new one!

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Hey guys!

I came home this afternoon to find my computer stone dead. By doing some basic troubleshooting, I've found out that my motherboard gave up the ghost. I'm on the little 700 mhz laptop I use for tuning my truck up, and while it works, I'd really like to get a new desktop up and running ASAP.

I'd like to build my own setup, so I don't wind up with a prefab loaded with cheap parts that are gonna fail right away, and while I don't do any heavy gaming at the moment, I would like a machine that can run games in the future.

Since only my motherboard died, I've got the 120 gig hard disk, 512 MB of DDR RAM, 550 watt power supply, ATI 9800 All-In-Wonder Pro 128 mb video card, DVD-RW drive, and CD-ROM drive from the old computer to use.

I'd like to run between 2.8 - 3.0 GHz using a good processor (I'm not partial to any specific brand) add an additional 512 MB of RAM. I would also be needing a network card, and sound card as both were integrated into my motherboard on the old computer. If possible, I'd like to pick up a setup that has the ability to adjust fan speeds so it is a bit quieter than my old computer was.

I've got about 1000 bucks to spend on it, but would prefer to spend less rather than more, as that is my truck savings account, lol

Anyone have any suggestions as far as motherboards, processors, and nice looking cases go?

Thanks!

Russ

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