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Subject: Re: New PC

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Yes, the 8800 Ultra is only an overclocked 8800GTX, so it's slightly better, but more than slightly more expensive. You'd be better off saving the money and going with the GTX IMO.

As for sound, unless you're really big on that, a X-Fi or high end Audigy probably isn't worth it. I've found, however, that a "standard" PCI Sound Blaster Platinum was an unbelievably huge improvement over my onboard sound, but I have an i865 chipset which uses the AC97 audio. Newer audio has improved a bit I hear.

One last comment towards jonwill's recommendation of a motherboard. Intel motherboards limit (most completely stop) overclocking. If you're not going to do that, Intel is the best, but if you are, they're not a good choice. The Core2Duos have a lot of potential in overclocking. For example, a Core2Duo E6600 at stock is roughly equivalent to an AthlonX2 6000+ at stock, but the Core2Duo overclocks very well whereas the Athlon won't much at all. Just something to think about if you get a Core2Duo.

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