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Subject: AMD or Intel?

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My best advice:

**AVOID COMPUTER PURCHASES AT ALL!!!**

Seriously, now is the wrong time to be upgrading your computer. We are right on this edge of the end of P4 (3.2) and AthlonXP (2.2) technology.

In just a couple more months, we will have the launch of the AthlonXP-64 processor, and in October, we will have the P4 Prescott.

These will probably be out the door with a high cost, but if you wait, you will be able to spend some extra \$\$\$ on a good video card.

If you absolutely MUST buy these right now, as long as the P4 isn't much more expensive than the AXP, I would pick it. You will have a longer upgrade path with a P4 system, as long as it is using a 800mhz FSB. If it is, you should be able to upgrade to a Prescott in the future. Prescott processors on the 478 platform are supposed to top out at around 4ghz. Don't expect an AthlonXP faster than 2.3 (3400+).

As for a couple of other things I noted in this thread:

Quote:The intel p4 2.4 ghz cost more than my video card harddrive cost combined.

You forgot to mention that you obviously have a low-end video card and harddrive. Seeing as how a P4 2.4C retails for \$160, and any decent video card is going to cost you at least 200 (Radeon 9500+ or GFfx 5600+), and a decent 7200RPM 8MB HD runs around 80 for an 80gig.

Quote:AMD all the way They are cheaper and better. Here is my PC running a AMD Athlon XP 2000+ with 233 fsb @ 1.667 Ghz <http://www.n00bstories.com/renforums/viewtopic.php?t=6358>

This is somewhat confusing since an AthlonXP 2000+ has a stock speed of 1.667 on a 266 (133) FSB. We in the hardware industry dont put "AMD AthlonXP blah blah blah @ blah blah blah" unless we've overclocked them. Such as "AthlonXP 2500+ @ 2.2" (stock is 1.83)

But hey, nice case... Do you like your Aero7? They were always a bit loud IMO, do you run yours at full speed 24/7 or do you use the rheo that comes with it to keep it quieter. CM just started selling those fans seperately, and I'm wondering how that fan at about half speed along with a Swiftech MCX 462 might do... Waiting for someone to try this.

Quote:Wtf is Duron?

I haven't kept tabs on these since the T-Bird days, but the Duron is a low-cost AMD Processor that was based on the T-Bird core. The difference between the T-Bird and Morgan was 128KB L2 cache. The T-bird had 256 (384 total, and the Morgan had 128 (256 total). Duron processors hardly exsit today since you can pick up a nice 2500+ Barton for under a hundred dollars.

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