Subject: Re: Are graphic cards to expensive?
Posted by EvilWhiteDragon on Fri, 05 Aug 2011 11:06:44 GMT
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nikki6ixx wrote on Fri, 05 August 2011 05:42Not really. Especially now, where the prices of used cards that are only a generation old can be had for cheap.

One of my PC's has a Radeon 2600 from early 2007'ish. It can still play most modern games at a resolution slightly higher than a console's, with some AA on as well as other effects.

As long as your expectations are realistic, a current card will offer very good performance for at least several years.
Indeed, I dare say that particularly the HD4870 and HD5870 series were extremely cheap at launch for the performance they offer. They launched about 300 Euros AFAIK, which is about 200-300 Euros less than GFX cards in the past, like the Geforce 4 ti4600 and the Ati Radeon 9800 Pro.