Subject: heres a challenge (new computer)

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mrpirateCPU: P4 2.4C Motherboard: Abit IS7

Memory: 2x256 MB PC-3200 DDR (total 512 MB)

Video: GeForce FX 5900/5900XT

Total would be about \$550-\$650 American dollars.

I'd recommend getting a Radeon 9800 Pro instead of the 5900 - better image quality, performance in most games, and it's more future-proof - you will be able to run things like Half-Life 2, etc. at full quality unlike in the GeForce FX.

Mrpirate, it'd be kind of challenging to build, for \$500, a whole system with a 2.4C, 2x256 DDR400, 9800P/5900, a good 865PE motherboard, with a decent 80 or 120gb 7200rpm hard drive, CD/DVD, a decent power supply (I prefer Antec or Enermax), and Windows XP Pro. Here's a part list I just put together:

Quote: CPU - Intel Pentium 4 2.4C 800FSB - ~\$150-170

Motherboard - Abit IS7 (865PE) - ~\$60

-----Asus P4P800 - ~\$100 - personally, I prefer the Asus

RAM - some decent 2x256MB DDR400 - ~\$100

Hard Drive - Maxtor/WD/Seagate/etc. 80GB 7200RPM 8MB - ~\$30-80 (get a good deal)

Video Card - nVidia GeForce FX5900U / ATI Radeon 9800 Pro - ~\$150-250

Optical - Some CD or DVD-ROM - \$20 Power Supply - Enermax 450W - \$70 Case - some decent case - \$30-150 Windows XP Pro - OEM \$70-150

So with those kinds of specs, you're looking at about \$700-1000.

To meet the \$500 requirement, the specs will have to be downgraded a bit...

But these parts would make for quite a decent system - Chrono945, maybe you should wait a little bit so that perhaps the prices go down and maybe you can collect some more money so you can go for a little higher-up system, meaning something like this (\$700 to 1000-ish).