
Subject: heres a challenge (new computer)

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IRON-FARTWell, you don't have to downgrade too much. Chrono probably already has a CD drive, maybe a CD burner or DVD drive. Possibly a 350-400W power supply.

Don't bother going for XP Pro if you are on a budget unless you really want to install developer software (VB, VC etc...) or you plan to utilize a multi-processor system. Also I find W2K to be much more reliable. That might just be me though.

Get a good HD. Maxtor and that other brand beginning with W (forgot name) are more expensive. Seagate is a good brand. I got an 80GB drive for the same price as a 40GB. If you already have a good one or spare, go ahead and use it.

Asus & Gigabyte have some good mobos. Find their websites and start looking. I'm sure you can find a good deal.

The price difference between XP Home and Pro OEM is not that big - I'd go for Pro because it has less limitations - for networking, etc., and more features. But that's a place where you could cut like \$20-50.

As far as the hard drive, I mentioned Maxtor/Western Digital/Seagate, etc. in my chart above. Maxtor and WD are not necessarily more expensive than Seagate - a Maxtor or WD 80GB 7200RPM 8MB can be had for \$30 nowadays. All the way back in July 2003, I got a Maxtor 80GB 7200 8MB for \$19 out the door at OfficeDepot after some nice finagling (sp?)

In my post, I recommended the Asus P4P800 - I've worked with many motherboards and overall I like the Asus the best - but that's my preference. It costs about \$100. If you want total cost saving though, go for the Abit IC7 - you can get it for \$50-60.

I don't think Chrono is going to just take the CD, etc. from his current system because that would be cannibalizing a working system for a \$20 part - not worth it. And he might as well get a new power supply - again, same thing - better to have both a working system and a brand new, solid system than to cannibalize the old one for a part that may not be good for the new system. As I said before, I would recommend getting an Antec or Enermax 450W PS.
