
Subject: heres a challenge (new computer)
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cowmisfitSirRetroP4 2.6Ghz
Rad 9600Xt 256Mb
1024Mb DRRAM

i could see it under 500 or only a tad over on ubid.com probably. I got my sony VERY good computer (1300\$ if u buy it bran new) refurbished looks and works bran new though.

2.6 Ghz P4
512 MB RAM
120 GIG HDD
VERY kick ass sony speakers

All for 513 dollars, like 600 with tax i think it was on christmas i ordered it.
What kind of video card? What speed RAM and HDD?

The issue with buying pre-built ones is that you don't have control over what kind of parts are put it - they just tell you what you want to know - P4 blah-blah Ghz, ___ MB RAM, ___ GB HDD, etc. What you don't know is the performance of the other components - motherboard, the kind of RAM, etc. Plus the graphics cards that come on the Sony desktops (except for the very expensive models) are usually low-end cards.

If you don't want to buy all the components but want control over what's in your system, go on eBay:

http://computers.listings.ebay.com/Desktop-PCs_W0QQfromZR4QQsacategoryZ3736QQsocmdZListingItemList

On the left side, enter your specs (CPU speed, etc. - put Any for brand).

You'll get a listing - many of the systems on eBay are made by small shops - some of them have great deals.

A friend of mine got a P4 2.8 (800FSB), Asus P4P800-D, 2x256 DDR400, 120GB 7200RPM 8MB, ATI All-In-Wonder Radeon 9800 Pro, DVD+-RW, XP Pro - all for \$800 I think - which is pretty decent....

His system is pretty nice - he got it from this guy's eBay Store:

<http://stores.ebay.com/eCollegePC>

Anyway - so there are a number of ways to go - just gotta do some research depending on what you want and how much you want to spend.
