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Subject: Graphic Card Survey. :)  
Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 13:36:40 GMT  
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I'm thinking of updating my Graphic card soon, as my old card is years old and won't allow me to play games such as Bioshock and MOH:Airborne.

So what card do you use?

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Subject: Re: Graphic Card Survey. :)  
Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 13:39:52 GMT  
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Tbh this is really about the budget, how much do you wanna pay?

-Ghost-

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Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 13:41:36 GMT  
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I use a cheapo nvidia 7600GS 512MB (2 of them) with SLi configuration which means I got 1gig of graphics, I can run Command and conquer 3 with Ultra high graphics settings, and still get over 150fps, games like half life 2 get 200+fps with full graphics, though it doesnt do directx10, but heck, people care more about smooth graphics than some lighting (maybne not) but alot of dx10 cards are expensive, for 256mb you could pay 150-200 dollars, and for that nvidia 8800 you could range from 200-500 dollars depending on which model/brand you buy it from.

but I am happy with my two 7600's and i got them both onsale really cheap for 100 dollars each (this was back before dx10 cards were released)

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Posted by [Ryu](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 15:11:17 GMT  
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ATi Radeon X550 Sapphire Edition, FTW.

Old card though, Served me well, Shame I have to upgrade soon. :'(

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Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 15:18:53 GMT  
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Radeon X1650 Pro 512 MB.

Yeah, budget is key. I've been saving for a pretty pair of X1950's.

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Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 15:46:45 GMT  
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I looked into ATI cards before buying mine, but, I decided, Nvidia may be cheaper in price and have similar function, so I bought these two cards onsale when i went into my local comp usa, they had a special one day sale, so i grabbed them.

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Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 16:18:57 GMT  
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Bioshock sucks anyway. I had a 64mb Geforce4, now got Nvidia 7600GT x2 (in SLI), giving me a shitload of problems, gonna sell em and buy a Geforce8 Card (probably 8600GT).

P.S:Read up on all the ATI problems, and you'll realize on why to stick with nvidia

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Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 16:31:16 GMT  
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Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 17:14:25 GMT  
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I think he was talking about ATI.

Also:

There = Place/Position

Their = Possessive (something they own)

They're = They are

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Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 17:27:01 GMT

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Never had any problems with my SLI 1gb of 7600's, they do me good.

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Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 19:24:01 GMT

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open command prompt, do chkdsk /f, restart, and watch... majically nothing appears? Do you render anything much? I could go on and on about SLI, I hoped and thought it was as simple as its made up to be but..it isnt

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Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 19:38:42 GMT

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Which is why you use Omega Drivers. ...Who the hell names their driver processes MOM.exe like a TROJAN...

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Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 20:02:49 GMT

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Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 21:15:28 GMT  
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Ah, I forgot about my card. It's an X700 Pro, and I want to upgrade soon.

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Subject: Re: Graphic Card Survey. :)  
Posted by [Matix101](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 21:57:16 GMT  
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I have the BFG 7950GT Overclocked 512mb one, I bought it from newegg, forgot the price, they no longer sell it though, only the 256mb, its a great card tho.

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Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 22:13:08 GMT  
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Can I just theorise that ATi's hardware must be superior if the performance is neck and neck yet ATi's drivers are worse?

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Posted by [Viking](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 22:23:15 GMT  
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ATI IS FAIL AND AIDS!!!!

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Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 22:34:20 GMT  
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Viking, statistics and proof that owning ATI cards will give you HIV/AIDs please. Until then, keep your (so oversized it would hit the hard drives in some cases) 8800 to yourself, thank you.

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Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 22:52:33 GMT  
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I have an X1600 128mb and it does me well, for now. Although saying that, it is a notebook graphics card and built into the logic board (so i can't upgrade it ).

It plays source games pretty good, even with low RAM but it's starting to get to its limit with SL...

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If your using a laptop, might i reccomend the ASUSTEK XG station, it replaces your laptops crappy graphics card and gives you super good PC like graphics, it plugs into the side of the laptop like any wireless card or expansion card would for notebooks, then the cable connects to a box which contains a PCI express slot, you can install any graphics card you want (comes with nvidia 7950gt if am correct)

I've seen this thing demoed on new laptops trying to play games at full graphics, they did a comparison where they had the same laptops, one without the XG station and one with, the one with showed good results.

<http://www.engadget.com/2007/01/08/hands-on-with-the-asus-xg-station-external-gp> u/

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VERY interesting, although, would it work on a MacBook Pro?

And, how much is it/when is it released?

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Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Thu, 13 Sep 2007 03:42:06 GMT  
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UE3 REQUIRES full hardware DirectX9 support.

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Posted by [Whitedragon](#) on Thu, 13 Sep 2007 08:05:03 GMT

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8600GTS, runs BioShock, STALKER, FEAR great with everything on high. Couldn't run World in Conflict on high though.

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Posted by [Caveman](#) on Thu, 13 Sep 2007 11:25:07 GMT

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I had this card in my computer since 22nd Jan. (My bday) but i've had the card since 10th Jan.

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Posted by [PaRaDoX](#) on Thu, 13 Sep 2007 11:44:06 GMT

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Viking wrote on Wed, 12 September 2007 19:34PS:ATI is FAIL and AIDS their new card is much bigger then the 8800 and much crappier!

Looks huge to me! But I could be wrong, I dunno maybe I have depth perception problems.

for budget high end DX9, go for a X1950Pro, for DX10 (I get 35fps avg in Call Of Juarez) mid range go with a 2600XT, for very low DX10 8600GT and good/decent DX9.

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I wouldn't trust that...

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Yeah pretty much, that card doesn't retail for £200 I can tell you that much. I just found a 8400GS 512mb for £31 brand new.

Edit: IW read your PM.

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Oh, apparently I was wrong it's even cheaper.

Edit:

I'll post something about my gfx card too

I got a Geforce 7800 GTX, for about 2 years now, got it when it was just released. Still does it's job quite nicely. Though I can't run everything at max detail at 1680\*1050 anymore, but that was to be expected.

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As far as I'm concerned, the two biggest releases in my future are Starcraft II and UE3. Both use X9 with X10 features available. I'll get some X10 hardware in 1.5-2 years time, when it's cheaper.

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I'll found these on that site just now.

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<http://www.overclockers.co.uk/showproduct.php?prodid=GX-127-AS&groupid=701&a mp;a mp;catid=56&subcat=912>

<http://www.overclockers.co.uk/showproduct.php?prodid=GX-127-AS&groupid=701&a mp;a mp;catid=56&subcat=912>

I'll think the OcUK GeForce 8500 GT 256MB DDR2 HDTV/DVI (PCI-Express) would be ok for me.

Edit, yeah, I'll think am gonna go for that one, it's well within my price range and meets what I'll need, an all around card that can support all dx9-10 and shader model 4.0 which is 1.0 above what Bioshock and other new games are using.

The price is sweet too.

Might even give me better fps in Renegade and other games.

Right now, am using an Nivdia 5700FX LE, it's has worked fine for me for many years, about 4-5 I'll think.

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Tbh, I wouldn't go for any thing lower then a GF8600, this because you would probably use this card for a while so...

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Well, looking at the specs between 8500 and 8600, there is nothing hardware different, expect the 8600 is just faster.

Both cards, will be able to run the same type of games for many years.

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- GeForce 8500 GT core running at 450MHz
- 256MB DDR2 Memory running at 800MHz
- Shader Model 4.0
- Memory Bandwidth: 12.8GB/s
- Designed For Extreme HD Gaming
- Nvidia Pure Video Technology
- Dedicated Video processors free the GPU Shaders to run 3D applications
- Dual dual-link DVI supports two 2560 x 1600 resolution displays
- HDCP Enabled!!
- SLI ready – Upto 2x the performance of a single GPU
- True High Dynamic Range Rendering Support – Based on Open EXR technology
- World's first unified architecture supporting Microsoft® DirectX® 10
- Built for Microsoft® Windows® Vista™

Yeah I can see you getting alot of extreme HD gaming with that.

Edit:

If you're going to get a 8500GT then please do yourself a favor and get the Gainward 8500GT Golden Sample edition. It has much higher specs for around £60

Quote:Manufacturer: Gainward

Chipset: 8500GT

Edition: Golden Sample

Chipset Features: 128-bit floating point High Dynamic-Range (HDR)

16x Anti-aliasing

Microsoft DirectX® 10

nVidia GigaThread Technology

nVidia Lumenex Engine

nVidia Quantum Effects

nVidia Unified Driver Architecture  
OpenGL 2.0  
Pure-Video

GPU Speed: 600 MHz

Memory: 256MB

Memory Bit Rate: 128 Bit

Memory Type: GDDR3

Memory Speed: 1400+ MHz

Pipelines/Stream Process: 16

Cooling: Fan

Interface: PCI-E (x16)

Connectivity: D-Sub  
Dual Link DVI  
HDTV