

Re: Low end desktop for EE tasks?

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On Tue, 25 Sep 2007 09:44:49 -0700, Joerg wrote:

Hello Folks,

Old iron horse here starts making creaking noises and it's tired. It only needs to do CAD, Gerber viewing, newsgroup, light SPICE sub-circuit sims (the kind that runs in a few seconds). IOW, I am replacing the grunt works PC.

Replacement should be <\$500 sans monitor (won't give up my CRT, no way). And absolutely no Vista which excludes most lines. Anyone's got experiences with these lines?

Dell Vostro (desktop): Windows XP. 1GB RAM which is nice. No parallel port which ain't very nice, and the card from the old one won't fit I guess. Around \$350.

HP Compaq DX2250: Windows XP. Has parallel port which is nice. 250MB RAM, well, that ain't cutting it. Price seems to pop right up if you deviate from pre-config. Otherwise around \$350 as well.

Have Fry's build you one to your spec. <http://www.outpost.com>

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Oh no, definitely not. Seen too much DOA stuff.

I've found that they have a very good return policy – if something doesn't work, they'll swap it out and sell the old one to somebody else. ;-)

But, admittedly, taking stuff back can be time-consuming, and also admittedly, I've never had them assemble a system for me – I've always just bought components and assembled them myself.

Cheers!

Rich

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