

# Re: combining 2 power supplies

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James Sweet <[jamessweet@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jamessweet@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> writes:

There's a lot of wattage inflation these days, following the stereo equipment makers in the 80s. The fact of the matter is that if you have a \*quality\* 300 or 350W power supply, it should run just about anything you can fit in the computer. I've measured a number of computers with a power analyzer and I have yet to see one which draws more than 250W from the wall under full load, most typical single CPU computers are down around 160-180W even with multiple hard drives.

Don't fight it. People think that adding power supplies multiples the speed of the PC by the number of power supplies added. No way to talk them out of it. :)

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