I need help picking a new PC for audio

Posted by vern - 2013/09/03 12:17

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I have to get a new PC for running the Native Instruments,etc... software and whatever DAW i decide to get(probobly ableton or cubase).

I have an RME fireface 800, so i will need a firewire card too.

I obviously want 64 bit with alot of ram....

I honestly hate dealing with computers(AND i have not been following the technology so don't know shit about them these days..), but i NEED to get a new one because my programs aren't compatible anymore : (

Can someone please reccomend an average priced allready built desktop which would be good?

I don't think i want to "build one" because i am guessing that would be too much extra time consuming, and i want to spend time making sound/music, not learning everything about building a new PC.

I was considerring something like an already built lenovo desktop with windows 8 for under $500.

Also, are there compatibility issues with various audio programs and windows 8, should i get windows 7 ?

I really hope someone can lead me in the right direction because it is just too time consuming to open this can of worms alone...

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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Re:I need help picking a new PC for audio

Posted by Fuseball - 2013/09/03 15:59

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I don't want to start a mac vs PC debate on here, but if you're using such a high quality FireWire audio interface, have you considered a mac with its native FireWire support?

Would you be using it purely for music creation? Do you use a lot of soft synths and therefore require a lot of CPU?

If you're not in need of the fastest spec then I would look at a mac mini, possibly second-hand.

I doubt you will find an off-the-shelf PC with FireWire, so you will need to do a bit of building and configuring I'm afraid. I've not had to buy or build a PC for ten years now so I'm sure someone on here will be able to give you a more accurate picture of the kid of PC you need.

If you get the choice, Windows 7 beats 8. :)

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