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Froggy - September 26, 2014, 7:47 pm

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The GRim - September 26, 2014, 8:21 pm

Looks really nice, do you even play games?

Doxicity - September 26, 2014, 8:24 pm

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RedBond - September 26, 2014, 8:25 pm

Beast machine, no need to upgrade anything for awhile.

Deutsche Bank - September 26, 2014, 8:28 pm

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If you don't need the microphone then just get a decent pair of headphones rather than an actual headset.

I was considering a water cooled setup but it looks as if the H110 is much better for only a little more, although the Noctua NH-D15 is an excellent choice for an air cooling setup.

Mikavw - September 27, 2014, 7:11 am

Even though some parts are a bit outdated it's a really nice build!

I really like your desk, I might actually get something like that for my next desk.

DarkETHOS - September 27, 2014, 7:19 am

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sound doesn't matter as much to you, then there are a plethora of other options which I can't really talk much about since I don't know them that well as compared to the higher-end ones, sorry. ?

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If you are simply looking for a great headset with high quality audio, and don't fall for the gimmicks of other companies such as '7.1 virtual surround' (search Virtual Barber shop on youtube, and set your headphones to stereo, or just use earbuds) then there is the [Audio Technica AG1's](#) which unfortunately come at a slightly higher cost but also come in open-back and closed-back.

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I actually find the 750D fairly easy to clean in comparison to a couple of other cases. I just wish Corsair used the same latches in the 750D as they used in the 650D. It makes opening and closing the computer a lot faster.

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unSatisfied - November 1, 2014, 8:23 am

Huge vouch for the 750D, it's a lot bigger than it appears in pictures. One does not need a 900D unless one plans on doing a custom liquid cooled PC with a large res, etc etc.