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TheDawg - August 5, 2015, 7:25 pm

Planning on building this for gaming/light workstation stuff. Not sure if I should go an i7 or not. Will be overclocked. I got the Noctua fans to replace those ugly ones that come default with the cooler, and will hide those ones in the front or bottom of the case as intakes.

[PCPartPicker part list](#) / [Price breakdown by merchant](#)

CPU: [Intel Core i5-4690K 3.5GHz Quad-Core Processor](#) (\$224.99 @ SuperBiiz)
CPU Cooler: [Noctua NH-D15 82.5 CFM CPU Cooler](#) (\$89.99 @ Mwave)
Motherboard: [ASRock Z97 EXTREME4 ATX LGA1150 Motherboard](#) (\$115.98 @ Newegg)
Memory: [G.Skill Ripjaws X Series 16GB \(2 x 8GB\) DDR3-1866 Memory](#) (\$99.89 @ OutletPC)
Storage: [Samsung 850 EVO-Series 250GB 2.5" Solid State Drive](#) (\$97.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Storage: [Western Digital BLACK SERIES 2TB 3.5" 7200RPM Internal Hard Drive](#) (\$117.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Video Card: [Gigabyte GeForce GTX 970 4GB WINDFORCE Video Card](#) (\$354.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Case: [Fractal Design Define S w/Window ATX Mid Tower Case](#) (\$74.99 @ NCIX US)
Power Supply: [EVGA 850W 80+ Gold Certified Fully-Modular ATX Power Supply](#) (\$116.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Sound Card: [Asus Xonar DGX 24-bit 96 KHz Sound Card](#) (\$26.98 @ OutletPC)
Case Fan: [Noctua NF-A14 industrialPPC-2000 PWM 107.4 CFM 140mm Fan](#) (\$27.42 @ Mwave)
Case Fan: [Noctua NF-F12 industrialPPC-2000 PWM 71.7 CFM 120mm Fan](#) (\$22.24 @ Amazon)
Monitor: [AOC G2460PG 144Hz 24.0" Monitor](#) (\$399.99 @ B&H)
Keyboard: [Logitech G710 Plus Wired Gaming Keyboard](#) (\$97.60 @ Amazon)
Mouse: [Logitech G502 Wired Optical Mouse](#) (\$59.49 @ Amazon)
Headphones: [AKG K702 Headphones](#) (\$239.00 @ Amazon)
Total: \$2166.52
Prices include shipping, taxes, and discounts when available
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Aesthetics - August 5, 2015, 8:25 pm

Overkill psu

Cpu and mobo and ram outdates

Dgx doesnt offer any benefits over on board sound card

Gt403cyl - August 5, 2015, 11:12 pm

Here is my first suggestion oon a decent \$2200 budget build:

[PCPartPicker part list](#) / [Price breakdown by merchant](#)

CPU: [Intel Core i7-4790K 4.0GHz Quad-Core Processor](#) (\$323.99 @ SuperBiiz)
CPU Cooler: [Noctua NH-D15 82.5 CFM CPU Cooler](#) (\$89.99 @ Mwave)
Motherboard: [Gigabyte GA-Z97X-Gaming 5 ATX LGA1150 Motherboard](#) (\$124.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Memory: [Mushkin Stealth 16GB \(2 x 8GB\) DDR3-1600 Memory](#) (\$86.99 @ Newegg)
Storage: [Samsung 850 EVO-Series 250GB 2.5" Solid State Drive](#) (\$97.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Storage: [Western Digital BLACK SERIES 2TB 3.5" 7200RPM Internal Hard Drive](#) (\$117.99 @ SuperBiiz)

Video Card: [MSI Radeon R9 390 8GB Video Card](#) (\$329.98 @ SuperBiiz)
Case: [Fractal Design Define S w/Window ATX Mid Tower Case](#) (\$74.99 @ NCIX US)
Power Supply: [XFX XTR 750W 80+ Gold Certified Fully-Modular ATX Power Supply](#) (\$110.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Case Fan: [Noctua NF-A14 industrialPPC-2000 PWM 107.4 CFM 140mm Fan](#) (\$27.42 @ Mwave)
Case Fan: [Noctua NF-F12 industrialPPC-2000 PWM 71.7 CFM 120mm Fan](#) (\$22.24 @ Amazon)
Monitor: [Asus VG248QE 144Hz 24.0" Monitor](#) (\$249.99 @ Amazon)
Keyboard: [Logitech G710 Plus Wired Gaming Keyboard](#) (\$97.60 @ Amazon)
Mouse: [Logitech G502 Wired Optical Mouse](#) (\$59.49 @ Amazon)
Headphones: [AKG K702 Headphones](#) (\$239.00 @ Amazon)
Total: \$2053.64
Prices include shipping, taxes, and discounts when available
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Here is my second, yes I know there is no price on the CPU, but it should be \$350-\$400 at most so there was room left in the budget, this would also be my preferred build of the 2.

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CPU: [Intel Core i7-6700K 4.0GHz Quad-Core Processor](#)
CPU Cooler: [Noctua NH-D15 82.5 CFM CPU Cooler](#) (\$89.99 @ Mwave)
Motherboard: [MSI Z170A KRAIT GAMING ATX LGA1151 Motherboard](#) (\$149.99 @ Newegg)
Memory: [G.Skill Ripjaws 4 series 16GB \(2 x 8GB\) DDR4-2133 Memory](#) (\$111.99 @ Newegg)
Storage: [Samsung 850 EVO-Series 250GB 2.5" Solid State Drive](#) (\$97.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Storage: [Western Digital BLACK SERIES 2TB 3.5" 7200RPM Internal Hard Drive](#) (\$117.99 @ SuperBiiz)
Video Card: [MSI Radeon R9 390 8GB Video Card](#) (\$324.98 @ SuperBiiz)
Case: [Fractal Design Define S w/Window ATX Mid Tower Case](#) (\$74.99 @ NCIX US)
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Total: \$1774.65
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Issvor - August 5, 2015, 11:13 pm

(Aug 5, 2015 08:25 PM)Aesthetics Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Overkill psu
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Pretty much this. I'd wait until there's benchmarks for the Skylake CPUs and see where they go with it. There's honestly nothing wrong with this build, but that you might miss out on a little more. Also, spend some money on a good DAC rather a soundcard.

[Focusrite Scarlett](#) [FiiO E10K](#)

These two are pretty popular, the FiiO is mostly recommended for if you just have headphones, the Scarlett is for both a studio mic and headphones.

