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Which sound card I should buy?

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Which one o these 4 sound card is the best option? I don't know much about sounds cards so i choose these based on availability and price. Right now i'm using 2.1 speakers and superlux hd669 headphones but want to buy better ones.

- 1.Asus STRIX RAID PRO
- 2.Asus STRIX SOAR
- 3.Creative Labs Sound BlasterX AE-5
- 4.Creative Sound Blaster X3



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djwillis1121 • 2y ago

To be honest, I wouldn't recommend buying a sound card at all. Especially with really cheap headphones like those. You'll probably notice no difference at all with a better sound card.

For the price of most of those cards you could get something like a pair of DT770 headphones instead which would make a much more significant difference on sound quality even with onboard audio.

Onboard audio is pretty good now and certainly good enough for most people. If you really do want to upgrade the audio processing you're much better off getting an external USB DAC/Amp. It gets rid of the possible issue of interference that can be picked up by internal sound cards.

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Will any good headphones sound good without amplifier from sound card? Or just some external DAC is enough?

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3_Three_3 • 2y ago

To add to what's here: aside from getting better headphones [u/Y0RH4](#), the [Apple Type C dongle](#) can often offer an improvement over your motherboard's onboard audio codec for very little cost, if even a small one.

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JAEMzWOLF • 6mo ago

a bunch of garbage replies - a \$40-60 sound card will blow away just about ALL on board audio because nearly zero mobo's are released with ACTUAL good support for the DAC they threw on the board in order to have a bullet point in the feature list. My Audigy FX2 sounds better than my motherboard's Sabre ESS ES9118 - yes a sound card WITH a slightly lesser DAC than the one on my mobo sounds better still.

You will also have better overall options with tweaking the sound - making FX Sound (and of such) feel also ran, at best.

Sound Cards are not obsolete, you just all think that because you don't think for yourself or try for yourself, you want influencers to do it all for you instead, and Linus or some audiophile scum (which is all of them). A worth-it-enough external solution will cost more than a pair of Lp2's or Meze 99 Neo's + a sound card (wait for the 99's to go on \$50+ sale, they are overpriced at MSRP \$200).

Also - lol at anyone recommending the DT770 or anything that sounds like it.

"hurr durr no sound card - spend WAY more on Dt770 and external!" Yes, its all or nothing, apparently. Lay in the squaller that is integrated or go spend \$300+. lol no - go spend \$50 (also, the headphone upgrades should happen no matter what, even if you just use onboard!).

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Couldn't agree more. Got an old SB card installed and it actually blows away the Realtek onboard audio on my new computer.

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And it's the Audigy FX2 lol.

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Internal sound cards are basically obsolete. If you want to step up to better sound get a external DAC/AMP combo unit. Something like the Fiio K7 Pro or the Topping DX3 Pro+. but keep in mind that if you pair these units with crappy speakers or headphones then you gain nothing.

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Sound cards are pretty much obsolete at this point. If you want better audio quality, you want external DAC/Amp solutions.

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**Justatourist123** • 2y ago

Creative Sound Blaster X3, but that's external sound card. If external, you could just get cheap external dac/amp like Fiio K11, iFi Zen Air DAC, or dongles like Qudelix-5K, BTR5

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If you are an audiophile and have a good ear for music and sfx, you WILL hear a difference in quality with a good external sound card coupled with good speakers/headphones. You'll have to upgrade your headphones first, as mentioned.

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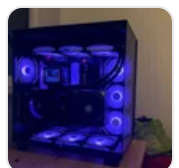
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