

## Re: [help] 1 cpu to rule them all

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Wouldnt you also need 5 hard drives to hold 5 operating systems and the appriate drivers for the video cards??Especially since you wish each user to have an independent desktop. Lets see 5 HD x100.00 plus 5 video Cards x 100.00 + 5 operating systemsx100.00= \$1500.00 or the cost of 4 cheap systems.Thats not even mentioning the individual programs/mice/keyboards or the fact of where you are going to find a MOBO that will support 5 PCI video cards plus other PCI devices you might wish to add.

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"Bill Mazlar" <cookyourspam@your.home> wrote in message  
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- > *The processor chips of most computers nowadays are somewhat overkill if*
- > *all you need to use it for are non-intensive tasks like word processing*
- > *and surfing the net. I'm interested in finding a way to have up to 5*
- > *multiple users collectively harness the power of only a single computer*
- > *to keep my hardware costs down. This would mean 1 cpu tower and input*
- > *devices: 5 monitors, 5 keyboards, and 5 mice. As image quality could*
- > *be a factor, I would probably opt for LCD screens with DVI rather than*
- > *CRT and also take advantage of energy savings. Each user must have an*
- > *independent desktop environment and of course, have access to the same*
- > *database on the hard drive(s) installed on the system.*
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- > *With this setup, I could forgo the cost of purchasing a separate server*
- > *computer for storage purposes and costs for buying more*
- > *motherboards/processors than I would really need (though i suppose i*
- > *would need to buy a whole bunch of graphics cards).*
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- > *I've searched the net far and wide but haven't found any products that*
- > *do what I am looking for. Does anyone know if this is even possible*
- > *with current hardware out there? Which platforms?*
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- > *Thanks,*
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- > *-Bill*
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