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For the same money, you can get a 32-bit system with more

cores, or faster cpu, which would then outperform the 64-bit system. Plus, you avoid the limitation of not being able to run flash --- although, actually, not being able to run flash can be somewhat liberating.

What? The current generation of CPU chips are all 64 bit, a 32 bit chip isn't an option except at the very low end. AMD has been all 64 bit since the release of the original A64 several years ago. Intel has been 64 bit for over a year with the release of the Core2. Intel is also all dual core or higher in the Core2 family.

Intel is releasing the mainstream Penryns in January so if you can wait that's the best choice. The Extreme version of Penryn is out now but the extreme version is a waste of money. AMD has just released the four core A64s but those are running at such a low clock rate that you wouldn't want to consider them. If you really want an AMD system then your choice of the X2 6000 is the right one.

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