

# How to Upgrade Your Linux PC Hardware

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So there I was with a perfectly good desktop system running various flavors of Linux, and then I says to myself, I said "Self, it's time for an upgrade!" My old system ran on an AMD Phenom X3, a mere 4GB RAM, and a ragtag gaggle of external audio interfaces and multiple printers, all housed in a nice quiet Antec case.

It was my main system for three years, a stout workhorse that handled every crazy thing I tried to do with it: audio and video production, server experiments, and virtual machines galore. Multimedia and virtual machines are demanding of system resources, and that was all the excuse I needed to drop a few hundred clams on new innards: Intel i7-4770K quad-core CPU, 16GB memory, a flashy fancy Gigabyte GA-Z87X-UD3H motherboard, and a couple 2TB hard drives for just because. This is about four times more powerful than my old system.

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