Subject: Advice on assessing stereo components
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I am looking for advice and information about upgrading and/or repairing my current stereo components to attain a reasonably good quality sound system. I am able to afford repair work or the purchase of new or used components but, of course, cost is important. I do have some abilities to disassemble and repair mechanical devices. My knowledge of electronic components is limited.
Primarily, I am looking to attain:
1) A good to very good sound system for playing music (Cd's/radio/(and eventually MP3s?) in my house. I hope to install speakers in several rooms. Excess equipment would be placed in a separate apartment or disposed of.
Additionally, I hope to eventually have:
2) A good sound system (Home Theater?) for a large screen TV (which I do not yet own). This system may overlap the one above.
3) A moderate media center computer to stream Internet video.

I currently own the equipment below. Purchase dates and vintage are given when known. Condition is noted, as of last use, which may have been several years ago.

TV: Sony 27" Trinitron (not HD) circa 2005, in current use.
Tuner/Amplifiers, in current use:
1) Technics AV Control Stereo Receiver SA-GX650 (350W?), circa 1993.
2) Pioneer Audio Video Receiver VSX-305 (185W?),6/1997
Turntables:
1) United Audio, Dual 1218, circa 1970, possible uneven spin (needs a new belt?)
2) United Audio, Dual 1218, circa 1975, possible warble/unevenness in music. Some of the small pieces of plastic near the controls are warped, as though from exposure to heat.
3) Realistic LAB340 (This may be ok but I am unsure about condition. Sound may warble a little on this one also)
Cassette Players
1) Fisher Stereo Standard CR-W9435, circa 2003 (working).
2) Sony HX Pro TC-WR670, 1991 (not working, doors are jammed).
1/4" Reel to Reel Tape Decks
1) Teac A2300 SD, circa 1975 (working)
2) Teac (similar to above) 1970 (working)
Speakers (all working)
1) Two medium sized Dynaco (circa 1970)
2) Two medium sized Cerwin-Vega D3 (1990?)
3) A home theater setup consisting of two Bookshelf Bose 21 speakers, 2 additional small Bose bookshelf speakers and a large base speaker (circa 1993?)
2) Two medium sized Cerwin-Vega D3 (1990?).

So, where does one start? And then, how to continue?