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Subject: Experience with sound cards?

Posted by [Leot55](#) on Wed, 26 May 2021 13:27:17 GMT

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I started gaming on a PC after the boys took over my PS5. My only real complaint is that the audio leaves much to be desired. I've made as many tweaks as I can, and I'm at the point where it might be worth upgrading to a better sound card. Would that make a noticeable difference? If I get one then I'm sure I can get it optimized myself, but since it doesn't look like a painless process, I want to make sure that it's worth it first.

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Subject: Re: Experience with sound cards?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 26 May 2021 14:45:53 GMT

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Yes, you can upgrade your sound card. You'll probably find a larger performance gain by upgrading your speakers though.

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Subject: Re: Experience with sound cards?

Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Fri, 28 May 2021 01:43:47 GMT

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I did it with my rig a couple of years ago. I don't remember it being tedious or anything like that. I've built computers before though, so maybe that's why. If you decide to go for it, and you run into problems then I can probably help you.

I take it that you're already using a good set of headphones? It seems like most of the popular games require it nowadays.

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Subject: Re: Experience with sound cards?

Posted by [Leot55](#) on Sun, 30 May 2021 00:55:03 GMT

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Wayne Parham wrote on Wed, 26 May 2021 09:45

You'll probably find a larger performance gain by upgrading your speakers though.

You got any suggestions on those? My PS5 is hooked up with surround sound speakers. I'd love to do something like that if possible.

Strum Drum, I wear headphones when I need to use the mic. Otherwise, I game without them. I get hot when I keep them on for long periods.

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Subject: Re: Experience with sound cards?  
Posted by [LCallan](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2021 21:24:19 GMT  
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I use Creative's T100 speakers. Although the bass doesn't blow me away, the audio is crisp and they're a good all-around set of speakers. I used to have a set of Razer's Nommo Chroma speakers, and the only reason I switched was due to their large size. I don't have any experience with upgrading the sound card though.

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Subject: Re: Experience with sound cards?  
Posted by [Leot55](#) on Sat, 12 Jun 2021 09:31:36 GMT  
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You sold me on the Nommo Chroma speakers, LCallan. The came in yesterday and I've already started using them. The audio quality is better overall from what I was experiencing with the old speakers. The bass is probably the most improved. There's no distortion at all. The speakers were easy enough to set up, but they certainly do take up room. I think I'm going to hold off on the sound card for now. This is good enough for now.

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Subject: Re: Experience with sound cards?  
Posted by [LCallan](#) on Thu, 17 Jun 2021 22:51:45 GMT  
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Jeez, no pressure there. Well, I hope they work out for you and provide you with a masterful gaming experience. I'm slightly jealous that you've nabbed a PS5. It's no wonder that your children took it over. If word gets around that you have the new PlayStation, you'll be the hit of the whole neighborhood - well, with the kids at least.

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Subject: Re: Experience with sound cards?  
Posted by [Leot55](#) on Sat, 19 Jun 2021 01:45:44 GMT  
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You had a good suggestion, LCallan. I'm already using them and the audio is more clear and crisp than it was before. It's made group play much more enjoyable on my end. The speakers are rather large, but since you warned me about that, I expected it. I bought some Bose branded computer speakers a few years ago, and I wasn't impressed. They were better than what the computer came with, but not enough to justify the price. Bose has probably improved those speakers since then, of course, but now I'm quicker to ask for recommendations instead of just relying on reviews.

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