

GROUP TESTS

130 Best Christmas PCs

Suppose you took all the PC companies that won awards this year, stuck them all in the ring together and let them battle it out. You'd end up with the best of the best, wouldn't you? The nominees are...



- 133** Carrera Octan M600
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- 140** Dell Dimension XPS T600
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- 144** Mesh Millennium 500, Panrix Magnum 600S
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- 165** Agfa ePhoto CL50, Canon PowerShot A50
- 166** Canon PowerShot Pro70, Casio QV-5500SX
- 167** Epson PhotoPC 800, Fujifilm MX-1500
- 170** Kodak DC215 Zoom, Kodak DC280 Zoom
- 173** Konica Q-M200
- 175** Minolta Dimage EX Zoom 1500
- 176** Mustek VDC-300, Nikon Coolpix 700
- 176** Nikon Coolpix 950
- 178** Olympus Camedia C-2000 Zoom
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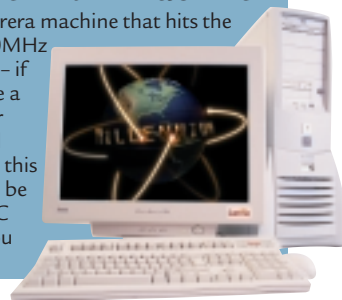
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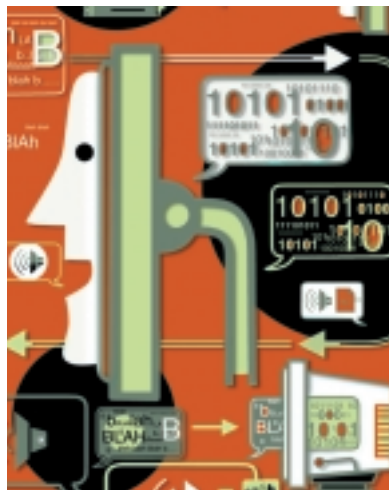
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