

X-FACTOR



Scan 3XS Team Dignitas High End — £1,456 (as reviewed) from tinyurl.com/2797ea

Fine performer at a realistic price

The Scan delivers classy gaming performance without wasting money. The unusual X-shaped case is compact and provides useful front sockets, while a small LCD display indicates how hot the PC gets. Strangely, given its firepower, it ran cool — and quietly. The Scan's specs are impressive for the money, and include a quad-core processor and the mid-range GTX version of the GeForce 8800 graphics card. Two hard drives are fitted, one ultra-fast for gaming action, the other acting as slower storage for, say, movies. The Scan came a close fourth in speed tests, yet played challenging games such as Colin McRae: DiRT at top settings without a glitch. New titles could be more demanding, but a second graphics card can be added. Serious value overall.

