

Ryzen: Good, but is it Great?

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The Ryzen benchmarks are finally hitting hitting the internet and overall the performance isn't bad at all and in some tests it's really good. Unfortunately the gaming benchmarks aren't blowing everyone away head-to-head with some Intel chips (which granted are more expensive) but overall I think the results are probably what we should have been expected as the hype did seem to grow and grow as people were excited to finally have an alternative in the CPU market. Don't believe me? [Check out ArsTechnica's coverage of the new Ryzen 1800x.](#)

It's finally happened. Over a decade after Intel's Core architecture launched and began a period of market domination that few would have predicted, competition at the high end of the desktop market is back.

AMD Ryzen—a line of desktop CPUs that will soon range from four-core lightweights to eight-core monsters like the Ryzen 7 1800X—aren't the fastest processors in terms of pure instructions per clock (IPC). Nor does every application take full advantage of their multicore prowess. And if you're a gamer, Ryzen in its current state is not the CPU to buy.

[PCWorld also takes a look at the Ryzen over here:](#)

Admit it. You love underdog tales. The Cleveland Cavaliers coming back from a 3-1 deficit against the Golden State Warriors. The New York Giants defeating the 18-0 New England Patriots, and the Average Joes beating the heavily favored Purple Cobras in the dodgeball finals.

Well, you can now add AMD's highly anticipated Ryzen CPU to that list of epic comebacks in history. Yes, disbeliever, AMD's Ryzen almost—almost—lives up to the hype. What's more, it delivers the goods at an unbeatable price: \$499 for the highest-end Ryzen 7 1800X, half the cost of its closest Intel competitor.