

Re: Slow Opening – Program or Processor?

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Yeah. Office 2008 needs a total of about a gig of memory to run "well".

In other words, to be responsive when used with lots of other applications.
As Phillip says, you can't have too much :-)

Get into the habit of quitting applications you are not actively using. Tat will help a lot.

And if you're working in larger documents, make friends with Draft view. Yes, it is an acquired taste, but it's a HELL of a lot more efficient. That's its purpose: it turns off all the power-guzzling WYSIWYG so you can skip around the document quickly.

Stay in Draft view until you are ready to finalise for printing and your life will be a lot more pleasant.

Cheers

On 5/02/08 12:12 AM, in article
copespaz-7E3535.09424804022008@xxx, "MC"
<copespaz@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Just took a look at "About this Mac"

Built-in 256
DDR SDRAM 512

NOt really sure I want to add any more. The machine is about 4 years old and needs a bigger hard drive more urgently than extra memory — OR it's time to start thinking about getting a new one.

And indeed, I do usually have several other apps running simultaneously.

The thing is, this slowdown in opening never happened in Word 2004... but at least the program itself runs normally once the docs are open, so I can live with it.

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In article <C3CC604C.31D27%onlygeneral taz1@xxxxxxxxxxxx>, CyberTaz <onlygeneral taz1@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

One thing you don't list is how much RAM your Mac has, which is another key factor in performance. OS X 10.5 & Office 2008 benefit greatly from more than what "minimum system requirements" would lead you to believe – but so does *anything* you wish to run:–) That unit shipped with only 256 MB, so if you haven't added *at least* 1 GB it would pay to boost it up – preferably max it out @ 1.25 total.

Also, you make no mention of what else may be running at the time – If you have other programs running & other files open as well as other processes (such as iDisk) active, performance will suffer.

Regards |:>)
Bob Jones
[MVP] Office:Mac

On 2/3/08 9:31 AM, in article copespaz-4EA9FA.09310003022008@xx, "MC" <copespaz@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

PowerBook G4 12"
1.33 Ghz
Leopard – latest updates installed.

I find opening existing documents in Word 2008 is S-L-O-W compared to all my other apps -- including Word 2004. Many of the documents are .doc files, as opposed to .docx files.

Is this common? Is it more likely to be because of the app or because of the processor in my machine?

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Don't wait for your answer, click here: <http://www.word.mvps.org/>

Please reply in the group. Please do NOT email me unless I ask you to.

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