

Re: HP Pavillion a6300f Tower with . . .

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On Jul 10, 2:32 am, "LesleyO " <lesl...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Vista Home Premium SP1

Pentium Dual Core 2.0GHz

400gByte Hard drive

3Gig RAM

Question:

According to the store I bought it from, I have a 32bit version of Vista which will read up to 3.5gibabytes of RAM if I install two 2Gig sticks. In order to read all 4Gig(or 3.9), they told me I'd have to install a 64bit version of Vista.

Is this information correct?

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The machine is more than fast enough for my needs now, even with chubby Norton AV 2007 running in the background, etc, but should I throw in a second 2Gig stick just to get the few extra horsepower from the 0.4Gig it would read?

-ChrisCoaster

Hi, Chris --

Don't uninstall Norton; I'm running it too, and it's not a problem. I have an HP with 4 GB installed (my Athlon dual core can handle 64 but is only running at 32 at this time) so I'm not getting much more oomph than you are. But do use a 4 gig USB thumb drive for ReadyBoost; I do photo editing and such and it does seem to ease things. I don't know what your Windows Experience Index is, but mine shows Processor 5.3, Memory 5.9, Desktop Graphics 3.1, Gaming 3 (I don't do any), and Primary HD 5.6.

I also added a 500 GB Firewire drive for data backup.

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Lesley: You and I have the SAME Windows Experience BOTTLENECK: Gaming 3.0!!

My others: Processor > 4.9, Memory > 4.6, Graphics > 3.4, and Hard Disk > 4.7.

Thanks for all your help here. I fully understand the concepts of "reported RAM" VS "actual physical RAM". In the same panel showing Windows experience, the RAM is reported as exactly 3.0.

I've never had a memory related hangup with this machine in the 4 months I've owned it, like I said even Norton 2007 doesn't harm it. Incidentally the folks at Gateway, whom I called to order initially before settling on this HP, told me that Norton 2007 "utilized resources far better than anything for XP, 98, and used considerably less RAM".

I'd have to guess they are right, because I haven't noticed too much strain. Of course, I was the one who increased actual RAM from 2GB to 3 when I purchased the tower. I'm always thinking about the future.

-CC

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