

Unable to open large XLS file on Windows XP computer with Office 2

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I am posting here because I believe this may be an XP issue. I have tried on several Windows XP Pro computers to open a 68 meg XLS Excel file with Excel 2002 and Excel 2003. I get an error every time. I can open this same file with Excel 2002 on a Windows 98 SE and a Windows ME computer. Everytime I go to open the file it gets about half open then I get the error

Excel cannot complete this task with available resources. Choose less data or close other applications.

This happens twice then Excel extracts my text data. Of course I lose all formatting. The computers that I have used all are Windows XP Pro SP2. All are AMD processors. They have 256, 512, and 1024 megs of ram installed. All have plenty of hard drive space. Two of them are fresh installs of XP Pro and Office 2003 Basic Edition. One is 2003 Professional Edition.

I want to move my office to XP Pro from Windows 98 but I have to be able to open these files. I am thinking it is some sort of a resource management issue. I have tried Excel and the computers in Safe Mode. Have been talking to Microsoft support but so far no help. Any ideas?