

# Re: Slow to open files

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Mike wrote:

Thanks Ken

Yes I do a lot of photo shop (Paint Shop Pro) work

PSP isn't Photshop, but I meant that only as an example. If you do a lot of image manipulation in any program, the extra RAM could be very beneficial to you.

and more  
importantly a great deal of audio file work (800mb wav) I get the re size page file warning. I'll grab that program and see what it reports.

Good.

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Ken Blake – Microsoft MVP Windows: Shell/User  
Please reply to the newsgroup

Mike wrote:

Been thinking about that!  
My mother board is by Foxconn and it says "there are two  
184 pin  
slots for DDR"  
That support 256, 512 and 1GB DDR for 8X and X16

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devices.

I assume I currently have two 512mb installed meaning the most I could have is 2Gb?

If you already have 1GB of RAM, unless you run very memory-intensive applications (such as Photoshop), it's *\*highly\** unlikely that any more RAM will help you. In fact it's likely that you already have more RAM than you can make effective use of. Here's my standard message on how much RAM to have:

How much RAM you need for good performance is *\*not\** a one-size-fits-all situation. You get good performance if the amount of RAM you have keeps you from using the page file, and that depends on what apps you run. Most people running a typical range of business applications find that somewhere around 256-384MB works well, others need 512MB. Almost anyone will see poor performance with less than 256MB. Some people, particularly those doing things like editing large photographic images, can see a performance boost by adding even more than 512MB—sometimes much more.

If you are currently using the page file significantly, more memory will decrease or eliminate that usage, and improve your performance. If you are not using the page file significantly, more memory will do nothing for you. Go to <http://billsway.com/notes%5Fpublic/winxp%5Ftweaks/> and download WinXP-2K\_Pagefile.zip and monitor your pagefile usage. That should give you a good idea of whether more memory can help, and if so, how much more

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Mike, Windows XP Pro is a resource hog. Simply try upgrading your Memory. also with larger hard drives comes the need for power. I have been using 4 Gigs of Memory for a couple of years. Dimm 2700 SDDDR. I know it's overkill but I can open up to 86 different Applications, and still have no Problems. If you upgrade, be sure to put your new memory in the first bank, or

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slot. Respectfully:  
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"Mike" wrote:

Hi

I have what I thought was a fairly capable system yet I am

experiencing problems opening files!

It usually happens after the system has been running for a short time.

As an example I may x2 click on a small text file (txt) and the hour glass icon will display for some time.

Maybe 20 seconds or more, then the file will open.

Sometimes the file fails to open at all!

I get the same effect when I right click on files for properties.

Another problem can be I lose the clipboard between applicatioins.

I have checked for spyware, I have made sure that only the minimum number of things run at start up.

I have examined processes during the problem and that indicates system idle 98% most of the time.

Defrag has been done and rubbish removed.

Have run extensive memory test.

I have asked on other forums but can't get an answer.

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Here is a system report:

Windows: Windows XP5.1  
(Build 2600) Service Pack 2  
Internet Explorer:  
6.0.2900.2180  
Memory (RAM): 1023 MB  
CPU Info: Intel(R)  
Pentium(R) 4 CPU 3.20GHz  
CPU Speed: 3135.2 MHz  
Sound card: Realtek AC97  
Audio  
Display Adapters: NVIDIA  
GeForce 6200  
TurboCache(TM) |  
NetMeeting driver | RDPDD  
Chained DD |  
Screen Resolution: 800 X  
600  
Network: Network Present  
Network Adapters: SiS  
900–Based PCI Fast  
Ethernet Adapter –  
Packet Scheduler Miniport |  
WAN (PPP/SLIP) Interface  
|  
CD / DVD Drives: G:  
SONY DVD RW  
DW–Q28A |  
Default Printer: EPSON  
Stylus Photo R200 Series  
COM Ports: COM1 | COM2  
| COM4 |  
LPT Ports: LPT1 |  
Mouse: 3 Button Wheel  
Mouse Present  
Hard Disks: C: 189.9GB | E:  
189.9GB |  
Hard Disks – Free: C:  
167.7GB | E: 176.2GB |  
USB Controllers: Detected:  
4 host controllers.  
Firewire (1394): Detected: 1  
host controllers.  
PCMCIA (Laptops): Not  
Installed  
Manufacturer: Phoenix  
Technologies, LTD  
Product Make:  
Serial Number:  
AC Power Status: OnLine

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BIOS Info: AT/AT  
COMPATIBLE | 01/17/05 |  
AWARD –  
42302e31 | | Time Zone:  
GMT Standard Time  
Battery: No Battery  
Motherboard:  
Modems:

Main security is from  
Norton Internet Securities,  
A squared,  
Spyware Guard and  
Spyware Blaster.

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Mike on the south coast of  
the UK