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Thank you, Ken. I will do as you said, without fail.

"Ken Blake, MVP" wrote:

On Sat, 19 Jan 2008 21:22:00 -0800, pikespeak
<pikespeaklosangeles@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Sorry Noozer, I usually ask questions properly and but I was in a rush. I probably should have waited until I got back and done it properly. LOL

Here are my stats:

It's a Pentium 4 CPU 2.53 GHz
504MB of Ram

It depends on what apps you run, but that's enough for most people. Beware the person who will tell you that you need more, without even knowing what apps you run. How much RAM you need 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

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give you a good idea of whether more memory can help, and if so, how much more.

When I said forever, I mean, it's like a minute or two for some programs. I don't have too much stuff installed. Just the usual programs. I have Firefox and that really bites into things, but I think it might be something else.

I uploaded the Microsoft Office updates today. That's a real problem. Word, Outlook, etc take forever to load. Hopefully the updates will change that. I still haven't checked.

Cheers

"Noozer" wrote:

My computer runs really slow. I have a good harddrive and memory. I delete all my cookies and everything else, but opening simple programs like Outlook takes forever.

Not trying to flame you, but learn to ask questions properly.

What is "good" hard drive and memory? My first PC had 256KILOBytes of memory and NO hard drive ... it was "good".

Forever is a very long time... Longer than Windows has been around. Could you be a bit more specific?

What else is the computer doing? Stuff in your taskbar and system tray? How much junk have you got installed?

Also, UNINSTALL your NORTON software.

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