

What are the minimum computer requirements to successfu...

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Many new systems are often under-powered when it comes to one critical component, RAM (memory). Some antivirus programs are notorious users of RAM, and it's important to have enough to go around, or your operating system starts having to use disk space as temporary RAM, which is a very slow process. A minimum of 1 GB is required for XP and 2GB for Vista. If you are a gamer you will require much more. To quickly determine how much RAM your system has see this link: [\[\[2\]\]](#) You should consult your computer vendor's website or customer support to determine if you can add more RAM to your system. Sites like Newegg's Memory Configuration System Tool at this link: [\[3\]](#) can help you determine what RAM is appropriate for your system. If the RAM is cheap, my personal preference is to replace the existing chips with matched new RAM. Using RAM from different vendors in a single machine can lead to trouble.

Refer to this document (Computer Hygiene Tips) by fellow farmer, Farmer Jay, for excellent resources and advice on how to protect your computer via this link: [\[4\]](#)