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Question: Is it possible to Run Microsoft Vista on an Intel Pentium II with 256Kb of RAM?

Background: Question due to training division having several of these machines in use.

Software/Hardware Involved:

Intel Pentium II (model Dell Optiplex 2 bios Phoenix ver 1.03 dated 06 – Mar – 1995)

MS Vista Business version current.

Platform:

Intel

Analysis:

Microsoft breaks PCS into capable, ready, and premium categories[1]. The ready and premium are not relevant to this question. The capable class (minimum) requires the following [1]:

- A modern processor (at least 800MHz!).
- 512 MB of system memory.
- A graphics processor that is DirectX 9 capable

The Optiplex 2 machine has none of these features and is basically not capable of running Microsoft Vista.

Other resources which may be useful in this are found in [2], [3], and [4].

References

[1] <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/buyorupgrade/capable.msp>

[2]<http://vistarequirements.com>

[3]<http://microsoft.com/vistareq.html>

[4] <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=65926&clid=0x409>