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TOPIC ---

I have a Performa computer that came bundled with the Power Pete program.
Sometimes I can successfully launch Power Pete, at other times I get a message
telling me I need more memory. Why is this happening, and what can I do to
prevent it from happening again?

DISCUSSION --

The Power Pete program comes preset to request 5113K of Random Access Memory
(RAM), an amount that may sometimes exceed the memory your computer has
available for programs. If you have less than 5113K of available memory, you
cannot launch Power Pete. You can check the available memory in the Largest
Unused Block area of the About This Macintosh dialog box under the Apple menu.
The amount of memory used by your system software varies depending on a number
of factors.

Workarounds

Restart your computer

Simply restarting your computer clears the memory and resets the system software
back to its original size. Check the Largest Unused Block area of the About This
Macintosh dialog box under the Apple menu to make sure you have at least 5113K
available.

Disable extensions

Disabling some of your extensions using the Extensions Manager control panel
also reduces the amount of memory used by your system software. Remove the check
mark next to any extensions you do not need. Power Pete does not require any
extensions to run, but some of your other programs may require certain
extensions. Once you have turned off some extensions, you can save the set by

selecting "Save set..." from the pop-up Sets menu in the Extensions Manager
control panel. You may then choose the set you want to enable, and restart your
computer. Check the About This Macintosh dialog box again to see if you have at
least 5113K available.

Restart with all extensions off

Since Power Pete requires no extensions, another option is to restart your
computer with all extensions turned off. To do this, restart your computer and
hold down the Shift key until you see the message "Extensions off" appear at the
"Welcome to Macintosh" screen. Disabling all extensions greatly reduces the
memory used by your system software, so you have much more RAM available for
programs. Again, check the About This Macintosh dialog box to see if you have at
least 5113K available.

Allocate less memory to Power Pete

Another option is to allocate less memory to the Power Pete program. Decrease
both the Preferred and Minimum memory requirements to 4500. You may see a
message warning you that the program may crash. Keep in mind that not all the
game's features may work correctly when configured in this manner. For example,
the game may not be able to play all of its sounds. While this is not
necessarily the best solution, it will at least allow you to play the game.

Install more RAM

The best solution is to install more memory.

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