

Desktop Systems: Whether a 486 or Pentium, Stock with RAM

1 What's more important?	2 Primary activity?	3 This is a minimum configuration:	4 Look for these features...
Text & Numbers	Word Processing & E-mail	66MHz 486DX, 8MB of RAM, 340MB Hard Disk, 15-inch Monitor	Usability: A, B, C, D, E
			Features: 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
	Spreadsheets & Databases	Pentium 75, 16MB of RAM, 500MB Hard Disk, 15-inch Monitor	Usability: A, B, C, D, E
			Features: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Graphics, Design & Multimedia	Drawings, Presentations, & Flowcharts	Pentium 75, 16MB of RAM, 500MB Hard Disk, CD-ROM Drive	Usability: A, B, C, D, E
			Features: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11
	CAD, 3-D Rendering, & Image Editing	Pentium 90 or 100, 32MB of RAM, 1GB Hard Disk, CD-ROM Drive	Usability: A, B, C, D, E
			Features: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11
USABILITY	4. Monitor: 21-inch.		
A. BIOS: Flash BIOS for easy upgrade.	5. Video: 64-bit VL-bus or PCI accelerator with 2MB of RAM.		
B. Case: Tool-free cover removal.	6. Video: 64-bit VL-bus or PCI accelerator with 4MB of RAM.		
C. CPU: ZIF CPU socket.	7. Hard Drive: Enhanced IDE or SCSI-2.		
D. RAM: Easy access to SIMMs.	8. Sound: 16-bit sound card (Sound Blaster compatible).		
E. Hard Drive: Enhanced IDE.	9. CD-ROM: Quad-speed EIDE or SCSI drive.		
	10. Slots: Three PCI or VL slots.		
FEATURES	11. Ports: Two serial, one parallel, keyboard, mouse.		
1. CPU: Upgradable to Pentium, 256K cache.			
2. RAM: Expandable to 64MB.			
3. Monitor: 17-inch.			