

Pentium Pro Cranks

It all comes down to bits: 32 or 16. The Pentium Pro may be the most powerful x86 processor ever developed, but if you're not running 32-bit code, it doesn't share the clear-cut performance advantages the Pentium held over the 486. In fact, if you mostly run 16-bit apps or Windows 95, the Pentium delivers more for your dollar. But if you run NT or another 32-bit OS, go for the Pentium Pro.

