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Subject: Video Cards...

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It depends. SDRAM vs. DDR makes a huge difference. I originally had 768 MB SDRAM with my P4 2.4A, and averaged 25-30 FPS. Last spring, I upgraded to a new motherboard that supported 400 MHz DDR and saw my average FPS jump to 45-50. That was with a Radeon 9000 Pro. In August of 2003, I got a Radeon 9600 Pro and now I average 50-60 FPS a game, at 1024x768 with 4xAA and 8xAF.

If he's got DDR, there should be no problem. If he's got SDRAM, this may be an exercise in futility, since 20 FPS is still 20 FPS, even at 1600x1200 with 6xAA and 16xAF. That is, it wouldn't be worth getting a 9800. A 9600 Pro would suffice in that situation.

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