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By Bob Trott and Ed Scannell

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PENTIUM II ON TOP

New chips on the block

By Victor R. Garza
IF YOU'RE LOOKING for faster desktop or server PCs, you may not want to rush out and buy a machine with Intel's Pentium II or Advanced Micro Devices' K6 processors. Intel's MMX enhancements in Intel's Pentium II and AMD's K6 processors do not offer much of a performance gain in general business applications vs. a same-speed Pentium Pro CPU. However, the new processors from Intel and AMD do provide some

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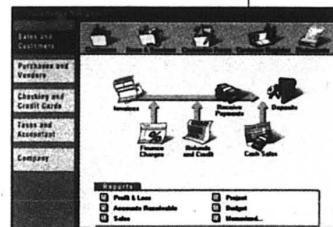
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