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Why take two operating systems into the new millennium? Microsoft's forthcoming Windows 2000 will marry consumer-friendly 98 and business-secure NT. Trying out the latest preview version, Ajith Ram looks at the implications, predicts new hardware developments, and tests four high-end workstations comfortably running NT today and prepared for the future of Windows 2000.

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