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Understand that none of us are MS support people or programmers, just users like yourself. We can't fix anything that's wrong with PPT.

But also keep in mind that video boards and drivers are complex critters with lots of features programs can call on. Usually the reason for this kind of problem is that the particular method one program uses doesn't actually work as advertised.

By kicking back hardware acceleration, you're telling Windows to handle some features itself rather than letting the video driver handle them. If that solves the problem, it's a pretty good bet that the video driver wasn't doing the job right.

It's always worth reporting this to the video board maker and checking for updated drivers that might solve the problem and allow you to crank accel back up to warp speed w/o having to worry about PPT flashing madly.

[Aside: I wonder if the reference to the f-word above will trigger the usual barrage of spam from the "you can convert ppt to f**** usin our software" crowd]

I'm curious about something, though. When you crank hardware accel back, do you see a noticeable speed hit in Photoshop et al?

In article <FA5204F0-67B3-47C7-8A1E-A29B9F8EA120@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Dan wrote:

OK, that's all wonderful to go around the problem and find a way to bypass the problem, but what about fixing it so that PowerPoint won't flash when you have complicated graphics? I use Adobe PhotoShop, Premiere Pro, and other high-end programs that utilize my graphics cards (w/ 512Mb/channel) without causing problems or having to change my settings for graphic acceleration?!?!? And yet a simple document with a couple graphics will sit there and refresh over and over? Again, instead of bypassing the problem, is there a real solution or reason someone can give me for this problem? Thanks.

dan

"Tohlz" wrote:

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Try setting back your hardware graphics acceleration and see if this helps:
<http://pptfaq.com/FAQ00129.htm>

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Shawn Toh (tohlz)
Microsoft MVP PowerPoint

"TAJ Simmons" wrote:

Catherine,

What tohlz said but also.....

Try updating your 'graphics card driver' – an update normally found on the website of the manufacturer of your graphics card.

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