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Ah yes... nView Desktop Manager... i actually looked more into that, and it's not really crashing anything itself, and has nothing to do with the video card, its just noticing when a program quits responding to the OS at all, including graphically. You might try Trillian out... the free version lets your do AIM, MSN, AOL, ICQ, and soon-to-come Myspace IMs, all in one. I've never had a problem with it.

Back to the PPT issue, and graphic-laden slides, it just seems like there should be a real fix to the issue, when two computers (laptops), exactly the same (same agae, same processor/RAM and OS installation) sitting next to eachother, one will have the problem and the other one won't. and then the next day, the other laptop will have the problem, and the one that did previously does not anymore!

REALLY REALLY ODD. I just wish i knew enough about programming to jump in and find the problem myself!

Dan
"Echo S" wrote:

I see it fairly frequently on my monster Alienware machine with an nVidia GeForce Go 6800 video card. It's usually on slides with semitransparent, and/or gradient, and/or semitransparent-gradient fills. If I'm working on a slide that's got an object that's been ungrouped into a hundred bazillion little pieces, it's likely to happen. Grouping the objects together helps. (Maybe it's because all those little bitty pieces inevitably have weird gradient fills!)

I will say that I've had some problems with this nVidia card and various apps on my system, and it's not all when interacting with Office apps. Dang thing would lock up at the most inopportune times, and then I'd get an error message about how the app is not responding to the nVidia desktop manager and do I want to exclude it from being managed (or something like that).* I finally disabled the whole nView desktop manager thing, and it's been much better. Thank god, because it was making me really nuts. (worse than usual, lol)

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I also do some video editing, and yes, the Adobe apps like Premiere Pro and Encore DVD do take a hit with the hardware acceleration turned down. I've just had to make dinking with that hardware acceleration setting part of my workflow.

* (MSN Instant Messenger was a HUGE frustration, lemme tell you! It'd take down my whole system for minutes at a time, and then I'd get the "nVidia managed app" error thing, even though I'd disabled its nView settings in the App exclusions part of the nView Desktop Manager. Grrr. It's not Office, but it *is* a Microsoft product, yeah.)

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Echo S [MS PPT MVP] <http://www.echosvoice.com>
What's new in PowerPoint 2007? <http://www.echosvoice.com/2007.htm>
Fixing PowerPoint Annoyances
<http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/powerpointannoy/index.html>
PPTLive! Oct 28–31, New Orleans <http://www.pptlive.com>

"Steve Rindsberg" <abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:VA.000036aa.01e05610@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

While I haven't personally managed to toss PPT into Flash-o-Matic mode, plenty of other folks have reported the problem here and some of the other regulars have seen it. I do get in some fairly heavy-duty graphic-laden PPT files from clients; odd that I've never triggered this, even though I'm as likely as not to have several heavy apps running at once. That's why I was asking about the specific graphics that seem to aggravate the situation.

In article
<AFF06BEE-B588-4C94-85FE-BF7DF31F5167@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Dan wrote:

Well i have two PPTs. One is just a tester i to see if the laptop will bug out or not before i start using it as the main computer, but the real file sizes vary from 7Mb to 80Mb. Its just so stinking frustrating if you have to edit it (i hate PowerPoint personally, "but for some reason i can't get my clients to use flash"... ha ha, in my wildest dreams!!! oh well. I seem to find it to occur when there are multiple objects (10 or more)

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in a slide,
and
will do the flashing thing particularly when anything new
goes on, such
as
switching to a firefox browser window, or opening a new
document, or
simply
advancing to the next slide to edit. Even backing out fo
presentation
mode
it'll go wacky, for usually 15 seconds!!! Unfortunately, it is
near
impossible to find anyone who even knows what i'm talking
about, cause if
you
use the word 'flash" or "flashing" or anything with the word
'flash' in
it,
all i seem to get is "how to import flash documents into
powerpoint" as
apposed to the graphics flashing on the screen.

"Steve Rindsberg" wrote:

In article

<33925A2E-E16D-4738-A453-6C5A73AAD32F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,

Dan

wrote:

My apologies, i'm just
extremely frustrated with
Microsoft 'fixes' as
of
late, synonymous with "Oh,
your computer runs slow?
Buy RAM or
Reinstall
Windows. Don't fix
whatever is slowing down
the computer". Sure,
that will
work most of the time, but...
well, you know what i'm
talking about,
i'm
sure, sorry for the vent.

I hear ya. And no need for apologies. I

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wasn't annoyed or anything,
just wanted to
make sure you understood that we're just the
messengers. Don't shoot.

<g>

Actually i do (see a
difference in other programs
once acceleration
is
fiddled with) , and i've
noticed if you do it too
much in one boot
session,
Windows (namely
explorer.exe) begins to
crash. I've tested on fresh
starts
and everything. I have also
noted this on multiple
laptops, namely
IBM
Thinkpads (3 to be specific).
But that all to say that yes it
does
effect
Photoshop slightly, and
reagfly hits Premiere Pro
hard, and thus I
can't
tone it down.

Thanks for that; it's something I don't run
into because I don't use
any really
high-end video stuff. I'd definitely check the
IBM/Lenovo site to see
if a video
driver update's available. As to the graphics,
what's the file format
and size that
causes PPT to go into whackawhacka mode?

nVidia GeForce 7900GTX
512MB PCI-E

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Thanks!

Dan

"Steve Rindsberg" wrote:

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

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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

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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@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Dan wrote:

OK,
that's
all
wonderful
to
go
around
the
problem
and
find
a
way
to
bypass
the

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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

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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:

Try
setting
back
your
hardware
graphics
acceleration
and
see
if
this
helps:

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<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.

cheers
TAJ
Simmons
microsoft
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mvp

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Steve
Rindsberg,
PPT MVP
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