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They say misery loves company! I have the same issue to with PPT. I do think it directly relates to overlapping objects/shapes or semi-transparent objects/shapes.

It is so frustrating that there is no answer! Maybe someone someday will come up with something.

"Echo S" wrote:

Thanks for the info on the nView DM. I didn't know that! But something seems to have worked, because it's not locking up like it did. (Maybe IM had an update or something.) I have Trillian installed --- for whatever reason, I haven't been using it lately, though.

Sorry, no additional ideas on the graphics stuff, though! :-)

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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>

"Dan" <Dan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:E2741A93-7623-4EDF-AA3F-BD0576637023@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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 you 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

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should be a real fix to the issue, when two computers (laptops), exactly the same (same age, same processor/RAM and OS installation) sitting next to each other, 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,

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lol)

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

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

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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) 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

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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@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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

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

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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

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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.

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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

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

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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,

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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

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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

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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@  
Dan  
wrote:

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

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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

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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:  
<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  
powerpoint  
mvp

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Steve  
Rindsberg,  
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MVP  
PPT  
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PPTools:  
[www.pptools.com](http://www.pptools.com)

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