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Colin, if it were that easy, I would do just that. Oftentimes a que times out and if I don't see it, I go from being 100 in line to 12 and back to 105 again. My monitor is shut off for about 10 hours a day.

This is my hobby. I don't do it for money. I'm housebound and the activity keeps me entertained and occupied. It's like putting a jigsaw puzzle together . . . I get one piece from here and another piece from there and all the piece are put together to create something . . . a file in this case, which could be the 1928 release of The Hunchback of Notre Dame starring Lon Chaney (a silent film), or the 1933 Popeye pilot cartoon. These files are treasures to me. If this were your favorite passtime, such as golfing, collecting stamps or coins, skiing, reading, watching tv, camping, etc, spending \$300 every few years on it would be acceptable to you and anyone else who knew that you put that money into your hobby. That's how I feel about my computer hardware. It's expendable compared to the enjoyment I receive from piecing the files together. If I have to buy a new monitor every 3 years or a new graphics card every 4 years, I don't mind. They're there to serve me, not the other way around.

I'll buy a new monitor and hopefully that will resolve the problem. If it doesn't, I'll buy a new graphics card.

Do you know the type of graphics card I'll need to buy from the info that I posted or is more infor needed?

Denise

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"Colin Barnhorst" wrote:

- > Don't you just turn off the monitor? I wouldn't waste a good video card on
- > what you are doing. The way I would solve this is to buy Virtual PC and use
- > that to link to the site and wait for my place in line. You can't damage an
- > emulated video card and you don't have to tie up the system.
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- > ---
- > Colin Barnhorst [MVP Windows - Virtual Machine]

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> (Reply to the group only unless otherwise requested)
> "HartsVideo" <HartsVideo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:C3043972-15FB-4E3B-9B0C-CD31F3F2FA5E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> Hi Galen and Mike,
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>> Thanks for responding. The site is graphic intensive . . . winmx through
>> private servers. I share old movie and cartoon files from the 1920's to
>> the
>> 70's with others. Movies take about 2 days to get from #100 in que to #1
>> and
>> they take at least 24 hours to d/l. I haven't stayed on any other site
>> for 2
>> to 4 days, such as eBay or my email, so I don't know if my graphics would
>> start to go when I'm there. But when my graphics start to go and have
>> almost
>> completely gone at winmx, my graphics are fine when I check my email or go
>> to
>> eBay while winmx is still running. My computer doesn't even slow down
>> after
>> a few days. My computer is 4 years old and my monitor is 3 years old,
>> it's a
>> KDS 17" flat screen.
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>> The reason that I thought that my graphics card might be the problem is
>> because, about 2 years ago, I used a program named Leechammer while at
>> winmx
>> for winmx. When Leechammer "hammered," the image of winmx on my monitor
>> would "shake" quickly for about 5 seconds. This would happen more than
>> 50
>> times in a few hours. When I started to receive the beige areas after
>> using
>> Leechammer for about 6 months, I uninstalled the program and haven't used
>> it
>> since because I thought that it was ruining my graphics card, but the
>> graphics continued to turn beige if I was at winmx for more than 2 days.
>> Then, about a year later, the pop-up boxes started to be clear with only
>> the
>> border showing about a day after the beige areas show up (about the 3rd
>> day
>> at winmx). When my graphics get bad after being at winmx for a few days,
>> if I
>> reduce winmx to system tray and then maximize winmx, I can see everything
>> at
>> winmx again, but as soon as someone sends me a PM or if I need to open any
>> other boxes, my graphics go crazy. . . almost all white/beige/clear, so I
>> again minimize and maximize winmx and I see everything again until the
>> next
>> time that I want to open a box, which is fairly often. If you would like
>> the
>> program, the patches and the guides so that you can try it yourselves,
>> I'll

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>> upload them to you if there's a way to do that here.
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>> I hope this info helps.
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>> Denise
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>> "Mike Hall (MS-MVP)" wrote:
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>>> The first two or three lines of your post say it all.. there is only a
>>> problem at one particular site.. any where else. and the graphics card
>>> appears to be fine.. so it isn't the graphics card, is it..
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>>> Perhaps you might like to share the URL such that one of us could go see
>>> for
>>> ourselves..
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>>> --
>>> Mike Hall
>>> MVP – Windows Shell/User
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>>> "HartsVideo" <HartsVideo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>> news:E68C3862-F258-452C-B3AB-59B8FE24198A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>> Hi,
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>>>> I'm on the internet at a specific site for days at a time
>>>> without
>>>> rebooting. By the end of the 2nd day, my graphics start to fade so
>>>> that
>>>> there are beige areas where text should be and by the end of the 3rd
>>>> day,
>>>> only the outline of a pop-up box can be seen. There is no info inside
>>>> of
>>>> the
>>>> box . . . I see through the box to what is behind the box. These
>>>> graphics
>>>> problems happens only at this site. If I go to another site (to check
>>>> my
>>>> email, etc), I have no problems with my graphics. I stay on my
>>>> computer
>>>> this long because I will lose much time and info if I stop to reboot.
>>>> I
>>>> periodically do a disc clean-up, empty temporary folders, etc, during
>>>> the
>>>> 2
>>>> or 3 days but it doesn't help.
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>>>> I have Windows XP Pro, an AMD Duron Processor, 945 MHz, 256
>>>> MB

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> > > Ram. In System Properties > Hardware Tab > Device Manager > Sound,
> > > Video
> > > and
> > > Capture Devices, it says that I have "Legacy Video Capture Devices."
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> > > My computer was made for me 4 years ago and the person who
> > > made
> > > it
> > > is no longer with us so I can't find out the specifics of what is
> > > inside
> > > my
> > > PC.
> > >
> > > I've read some of the other posts here about video cards,
> > > BIOS,
> > > whether the video card is part of the motherboard or separate, and
> > > raising
> > > the AGP aperture size. If these are possible solutions to my problem,
> > > please
> > > tell me how to get into BIOS, how to raise the AGP aperture size, and
> > > how
> > > to
> > > find out whether my video card is part of my motherboard.
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> > > I don't do gaming so I don't need a video card that's fast but I need
> > > one
> > > that can work for days on end without the need to reboot. Someone
> > > suggested
> > > that the size should be at least 1G. I have no other problems with my
> > > computer when I stay on line for 2 or 3 days without rebooting except
> > > that
> > > I
> > > lose my graphics.
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> > > If I need a new video card, what type of video card will I need to buy?
> > > If
> > > you need more info, I'll be happy to supply it.
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> > > Denise
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