

Re: slow graphics

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Hi cbeeson,

"cbeeson" <cbeeson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:5F9991F4-140A-4474-A20F-0224EDC3FAD0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | i just got a fancy new computer – running windows xp with a radeon x600 se | graphics card (i think) and loaded "syberia" onto the system. it sucks | because the characters move painfully slow – impossible to play. i admit i'm | a computer moron – can anybody tell me how to make this run faster?

Updating video card drivers can solve most gaming issues. Here's some simple abc's to always keep in mind. a. Shut off download accelerators, firewalls and antivirus programs when downloading or installing updates; b. Check for game patches: www.avault.com/pcl/patches_list.asp?letter=a c. Make sure you meet the game's minimum video and system requirements; d. Check for known issues with your video card at the game's web site. :-)

1. Before you update your drivers, I recommend that you update DirectX from: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/directx/default.aspx>

Please look over the ATI articles about their latest driver on the download page. They list Installation Tips, Fixes, and Release Notes with important information.

2. Download the latest Catalyst driver for ATI Radeon or All in Wonder Card:

Win XP/2000: <http://ati.com/support/drivers/winxp/radeonwdm-xp.html>

Win 98/Me: <http://ati.com/support/drivers/winme/radeonwdm-me.html>

3. Save the .exe driver in My Documents\My Drivers\ATI

4. Restart the computer in Safe Mode by pressing the F8 key about once every second as it's rebooting to pick Safe Mode.

5. Click Start / (settings) Control Panel / System / Hardware Device Manager / expand +Display Adapters / right click on the adapter, pick "Uninstall", and click No if asked to reboot.

6. Use Control Panel / Add-Remove programs to uninstall the previous driver (exe)software which may have been installed.

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7. Restart the computer in Safe Mode by pressing the F8 key about once every second as it's rebooting to pick Safe Mode.
8. If Windows prompts you to install the adapter, click "Cancel".
9. Double click the ATI driver we saved to My Documents\ My Drivers\ATI folder in step 3 to install.it. If it complains about Windows Logo Certification just click "Continue". This is normal.
10. After you reboot, go to Control Panel / Display / Settings and choose 32 bit Color Quality, and 800x600 or higher Resolution.

TROUBLESHOOTING:

Test your drivers using DXDiag: Click Start / Run / type: DXDIAG
Click the "Test" buttons in the Display, Sound, Music & Network Tabs;
If any of the Display options are Disabled and you cannot Enable them,
your most likely solution would be to update your Chipset Drivers as per
my website: <http://www3.sympatico.ca/nibblesnbits/Video.html#v11>

Your program might not support dual monitors, or "dual head" video cards
You can disable the extra video output in your display properties control
panel. Click Start>Settings>Control Panel>Display>Settings>Advanced.

Along with your Video card, Sound Cards, Motherboard Chipsets,
and Video Monitors may also require updated drivers. Even your
motherboard's BIOS may need to be updated for compatibility with
your Video card. These steps are listed at: <http://NibblesNbitsVideo.tk>

Perhaps the old ATI drivers did not completely uninstall. If that's the
case, use these utility to completely uninstall the drivers and go to step 7:
<http://www.driverheaven.net/cleaner/> (works for all cards including nvidia)

The latest video drivers sometime don't work with a particular game.
(Check the Video suggestions in the readme.txt file in your game folder/CD)
If there's no suggestions, try an older (WHQL) driver, and/or if you still
experience problems try a Beta driver, or even an Omega driver instead:

BETA Drivers: <http://download.guru3d.com/>

OMEGA Drivers: <http://www.omegacorner.com/>

There you have it, if you have any questions feel free to post them! :-)

Cheers, Windows XP MVP Shell / User
Jimmy S. <http://mvp.support.microsoft.com>

Game FAQs: [http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=FH:\[LN\];gms](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=FH:[LN];gms)
Visit my Zone.com / Gaming Helpsite: <http://nibblesnbits.tk> or Call / Contact
MS Support at: <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=sz:en-us;top>

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