

Re: Problem running Tribes 2 and Doom 3

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Hi aka Flipper,

Yes, you could do that. Remember the precautions I posted for you in the first post about replacing RAM in your computer though!

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aka Flipper Wrote:

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| Thanks for a very comprehensive rundown on the situation Jimmy S.
| I'm going to have to take it slowly, one step at a time. I guess that I
| return the 256 stick of DDR Ram to the slot before going any further ?
| Thanks once again.

| Hi aka Flipper,

|| Two answer your questions:

|| 1. You should generally put the larger RAM stick in the first slot.

|| 2. 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/pcrl/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>

|| Here are the steps I recommend you use to update your driver. If you've

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- || never done this before I recommend you also look over the Installation hints
|| and Release Notes both of which are linked to from their download page.
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- || 2. Download the latest drivers from: www.nvidia.com/content/drivers/drivers.asp
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 - || 3. Save the .exe driver in My Documents\My Drivers\nVidia
||
 - || 4. Restart the computer in Safe Mode by pressing the F8 key
|| about once every second as it's rebooting to pick Safe Mode.
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 - || 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.
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 - || 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.
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 - || 8. If Windows prompts you to install the adapter, click "Cancel".
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 - || 9. Double click the nVidia driver we saved to My Documents\My
|| Drivers\nVidia folder in step 3 to install.it. If it complains about
|| Windows Logo Certification just click "Continue". This is normal.
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 - || 10. After you reboot, go to Control Panel / Display / Settings and
|| choose 32 bit Color Quality, and 800x600 or higher Resolution.
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- || TROUBLESHOOTING:
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- || 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>
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- || 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.
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- || 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>
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- || Perhaps the old Nvidia drivers did not completely uninstall. If that's the
|| case, use this utility to completely uninstall the drivers and go to step 7:
|| <http://content.guru3d.com/index.php?page=detonatorrip&menu=0>
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- || The latest video drivers sometime don't work with a particular game.

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|| (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:

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|| BETA Drivers: <http://download.guru3d.com/>
|| OMEGA Drivers: <http://www.omegadivers.net>

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

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|| aka Flipper Wrote:

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|| Hi again Jimmy S.

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||| Removed the 256 stick of RAM about an hour ago and then attempted to run the
||| two games in question (Tribes 2 and Doom 3) however,the results were the
||| same as before ie error messages. Ran and played Tribes Vengeance OK though.
||| Just a thought,should I have relocated the new 512 stick of RAM to the slot
||| from which I removed the original 256 stick ?

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||| Something else of possible interest...I had a look at the setup instructions
||| for the new ASUS video card (as it all seemed to go bad after installation of
||| the new card and the new RAM) and it states that before installing the new
||| card,the driver for the existing VGA card should be uninstalled...as I
||| had,and may still have,an onboard video card,could this have a bearing on the
||| problem ?

||
||| Kind regards

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||| Hi aka Flipper,

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||| Before touching the inside of your case, you must shutdown
||| your computer, unplug it, and ground yourself to release any
||| static electricity from your fingertips.

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||| RAM sticks are held in place by two levers which snap in place.

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|||| aka Flipper Wrote:

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|||| Thanks Jimmy S.

|||| It seems that I am going to have to open up this box,something I am
|||| unfamiliar with;is removing the (original) stick of 256 RAM as simple as just
|||| unscrewing it from its position ?

|||| Kind regards,

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|||| Hi aka Flipper,

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|||| Your RAM should not be mismatched as it is now.
|||| Try using just the one 512 MB stick as a test please.

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|||| aka Flipper Wrote:

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|||| Hi to all.

|||| My PC is a P4 with ht,it has an onboard video card.I have loaded the
|||| following games:

|||| Doom 3

|||| Battlefield Vietnam

|||| Tribes Vengeance

|||| Tribes 2

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|||| Tribes 2 worked fine however,the other three games were "sloppy" and slow
|||| and from time to time "froze up". I was told that I needed more RAM (only
|||| had 256 meg) and a better video card....I arranged with the local shop to
|||| install another 512 of RAM and a Radeon ASUS A9250 video card.

|||| After installation,Battlefield Vietnam and Tribes Vengeance played really
|||| well...very pleased.

|||| Tribes 2 would not launch giving an error message Unhandled Exception
|||| c0000005 at address 0000000.

|||| Doom 3 would not play giving a really massive list of details headed error
|||| during Initialization and later in the message "the current video
|||| card/driver combination does not support the necessary features (lots of
|||| "couldn't find" and "couldn't open" details etc.)

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|||| My problem is basically that whilst I like playing BV and TV
|||| , the younger family members prefer the Tribes 2 and Doom 3 !

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||||| Could anyone assist me please with this one ?

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