

## Re: How to prevent automatic driver installation

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I have an ATI Radeon 9600 Pro. I have also read the ATI instructions about removing the old drivers before installing the new ones. I have also seen XP try to reinstall the old drivers.

So, to circumvent XPs tenacity I just installed the new drivers and let the installation program overwrite the old files, etc with the newer ones. Worked just fine on this computer and my second one; it has a Radeon 9000 Pro.

Now, to upgrade ATI's HydraVision and MMC I did have to uninstall the older version.

"JimB" <jbonaparte@earthlink.net> wrote in message  
news:ENEbc.14433\$lt2.11619@newsread1.news.pas.earthlink.net...  
> *I need help.*  
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> *For a week now I have been trying to install new software for my ATI 8500  
> video card with the help of ATI support.*  
> *To do this one must install the new drivers. I have tried everything I  
can*  
> *think of plus what ATI recommends all with no luck in permanently removing  
> the old ATI driver files. After removing the drivers WinXP reinstalls the  
> same ones after boot up and will not be denied.*  
> *I have removed all of the reinstall driver files found in the Win32 folder  
> and even the calls in the registry. I have tried ATI's uninstall utility  
> available on their website which works but Win XP still beats you to the  
> punch after reboot. At the same time I also removed the ones in the  
> Windows\temp directory.*  
> *There must be a way to prevent WinXP from reinstalling these existing ATI  
> files and replace them with the new ones or at least the Windows standard  
> VGA files.*  
> *The reason for all of this is because I suffered my first fatal crash with  
> WinXP after two years of use. I was extremely happy with this operating  
> system.*  
> *What is also peculiar is that I cannot reinstall the original software  
from*  
> *the CD because whenever the ATISSETUP.EXE file in the root directory or the*

> *SETUP.EXE* in the install directory of the CDROM are used the system comes  
to  
> a halt. If one looks at the CPU usage in the taskmanager it is 100%  
> utilized and that makes everything extremely slow. This originally  
> installed with no problems and I can install it on a second computer with  
> the same motherboard but different peripherals. I am puzzled as to these  
> strange issues. I might even buy a new CD from ATI if I had any guarantee  
> that they would work. I have not had any problems with any other software  
> except this and Western Digital's Data Lifeguard software.  
> Thanks,  
> Jim  
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