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yes i agree with you about the RAM, not big on that either.... that is about right, i have around 860 or something dedicated, i know i shouldnt worry about it however it never did it for the past few days, and i noticed it started doing that... Is it a big deal, no not really. I personally was wondering what could be doing that after a few days. I havent installed anything, and when i made my settings switch to classic, it did not do it either. Just started last night.....As far as the best performance to my knowledge when you check that, it unchecks everything. I just verified and there is nothing checked. I just dont know if it is worth downloading that driver from the website and reinstalling it. Do you?

"Shenan Stanley" wrote:

Corey wrote:

Hi, I have a new machine that has little installed and 3 programs starting up. It takes about 20 seconds to boot up. I noticed that on the quick launcher (IE, Desktop Icons) and on the taskbar (Avg,GoGoData,Speaker Volume Icons) and the start tab turn blue briefly then pick transform to the icons. Does anyone know why this would be doing so? Any help or ideas would be greatly.

Shenan Stanley wrote:

I do not know what you are asking.

20 seconds is a decent boot time (excellent actually.)

The "video redraw" does not seem to be a problem – unless you are saying it happens a lot (while *using* the machine – randomly)? In which case we would need more information to give you specific help – but my first suggestion would be to download the latest

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video card driver and chipset driver for your computer from said manufacturers.

Corey wrote:

It isnt about the boot time,
My question is the following:
Does anyone know what could be causing the desktop in three areas (Quicklaunch,Taskbar,and Start tab to turn a blue color until the icons are finished loading?
I am using the classic view windows style.

Shenan Stanley wrote:

Do you have the latest video card driver (and motherboard chipset driver) from each manufacturer installed on your machine?

It could be lack of resources. Sometimes people with lower-end video cards will see the actual redraw of the screen. It happens.

Also check and make sure you are in complete classic mode.
Download/install TweakUI and turn off more of the WindowsXP-ifications. Also, go to Control Panel --> System --> Advanced tab --> Performance section, Settings button. Then choose "adjust for best performance"

What are the system hardware specifications?

Corey wrote:

I would assume I have the latest driver, when I go to update driver it says you have the most current one. Should I go to the website of the video card and download the driver for it?

As far as classic view everything is setup for the. The specs are this:
CPU: Intel® Celeron® D Processor 356
(3.33GHz, 533MHz FSB, 512KB L2 cache)
Operating System: Genuine Microsoft® Windows® XP Home (SP2)1
Chipset: ATI® Radeon® Xpress 200
Memory: 512MB DDR (1 × 512MB) 400MHz (PC3200)
Expandable to 2GB
Hard Drive: 160GB (7200rpm, 2MB cache)2
Optical Drives: 16x multiformat dual-layer DVD±RW
(Up to 8.5GB with dual-layer media)
Write max: 16x DVD±R, 6x DVD-RW, 8x DVD+RW, 4x DVD+R DL, 40x CD-R,
24x CD-RW Read max: 16x DVD-ROM, 40x CD-ROM
Media Reader: 9-in-1 Digital Media ManagerT (Memory Stick®, Memory

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Stick Pro®, MultiMediaCardT, Secure DigitalT, CompactFlash®,
MicroDrive, SmartMedia, xD-Picture CardT, USB 2.0)
Video: ATI® Radeon® X300-based integrated graphics
Up to 128MB of shared video memory
PCI-Express® (PCI-E x16) slot available
Sound: 6-channel (5.1) high-definition audio
Network: 10/100Mbps integrated Ethernet LAN (RJ-45 port)
Modem: 56K ITU v.92-ready fax/modem (RJ-11 port)

along with a 512 stick of ram added to it,
what do you think?

I personally think you are too worried about this momentary "glitch" when you boot up if everything else is working as you like it and as fast as you would like it. If uyou machine boots and is ready for use after 60 seconds – and there are no repetative problems as you use it – then I cannot see worrying with why the icons show like they are in Windows XP mode for a second, and then in Windows Classic mode after that.

Answering in order that you put it in the last response...

As I said in my previous two responses...
"from the manufacturer". You do this by visiting each manufacturer for each hardware component (Looks like ATI in this case..) and download the drivers for the devices you have and install them. They will almost always be newer than those Microsoft provides.

Decent processor, lacking on the memory (RAM) – unless you mean you have a total of 1GB, decent hard disk drive and the video card is integrated on some sort of ATI motherboard?

The video card is sharing your system RAM (up to 128MB) – so that kinda sucks and could explain some of it. Instead of 1GB memory (which is what I think you have) you have like 872. Still a decent amount – but I have never persoanlly liked sharing resources like RAM with my video card. *grin*

The rest of the system specs are irrelevant to this discussion – other than you should make sure you have current drivers from EACH manufacturer of EACH component (not Windows Update) and that you are fully patched and updated otherwise (yes – partly Windows Update.)

Also, when you visit: Control Panel --> System -->
Advanced tab --> Performance section,
Settings button. The setting : "adjust for best performance"
is what is chosen?

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Shenan Stanley
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