

# Re: Video recording quality and media extender questions

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The inexpensive real time encoder chips used on PC TV tuner cards are no quality match for the encoder systems costing thousands of \$ that are used by the networks and DVD creators.

I suggest you try the NVIDIA Purevideo Decoder since it is designed to work better with the PureVideo features in your 6600GT card. Make sure to set its de-interlacing control mode to Automatic if it is set to Smart by default.

Also update your NVIDIA drivers to the current 81.89 release since recent driver releases do a better job of de-interlacing motion compensation.

"JoeCool" <JoeCool@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:5D7B18C8-0BB5-4E8C-9589-F7E4A5040145@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Been using MCE since last summer and mostly very happy with it; however, the quality of the recorded video is somewhat lacking. Any motion gets seriously blurred; the faster the motion, the worse the blur. This has become very distracting AND I don't recall noticing this when I first started using MCE.

So, my questions:

- 1) Is the blurring to be expected given mpg2 encoding?
- 2) Am I on crack, or is it possible that I installed something on my system over the last 6 months that actually has degraded the recording quality?
- 3) Is there any way to address this problem?

Note I always record at the highest quality setting, and I am using the PowerDVD (Cyberlink) decoder version 6.0.0.1014.

On a separate topic, when I installed rollup 2 I noticed that the nice smooth movement between and within the MCE screen was suddenly jerky and frankly ugly. I've got a decent system (P4-C 2.6, 1GB of RAM, and an

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6800GT video card), so I don't think it's my hard drive. Anyway I uninstalled rollup 2, but now I'd like to try it again. Any thoughts on what might have caused the issues I saw, and how I can fix it?

Finally, regarding media extenders, I'm currently using an old Xbox and a single MCE machine but I'm considering several upgrades – possibly adding an Xbox 360 (but keeping the Xbox), and adding another MCE box. Is this kind of configuration possible – multiple MCE hosts and multiple MCE extenders? Can data be served from any machine to any other? What about just having multiple extenders and one host – can the extenders both download data at the same time, even the same file? What exactly are the limitations?

Thanks in advance,

Joe