

Re: Stuttering MCE

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Hello JW,

The problem started long before the harddrive. I got the new harddrive in hopes of fixing it. Its primary on the second IDE channel. No hardware changes...

Thanks,
Shawn Wildermuth
Speaker, Author and C# MVP
<http://adoguy.com>

It acts like your tuner card and your video card and/or audio may be sharing the same IRQ. Have you done anything to change the hardware configuration or slot positions of components used by Live TV? Did the problem start when you added the additional HDD? If so you might try putting your recordings back on the original drive and removing the new HDD and see what happens. Are the 2 HDDs on the same IDE bus? If yes which is primary and which is secondary?
"Shawn Wildermuth (C# MVP)" <swildermuth@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:fc24ddbd11c398c882c77eb91ede@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hello JW,

I have defragged and moved the video to both drives with the same problems. Its not a SATA drive, but an IDE drive. I might be a harddrive bandwidth issue, but my suspicion is that is it the CPU that is getting pegged. Anyone know of a good way to get a log of the system on the MCE?

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Movieman,

It appears that your system is having trouble receiving and recording the video without dropping frames from your DVB card. Suggest you try defragging your storage drive and you might even try moving the storage back to the C drive temporarily. How is your SATA drive connected?

"Movieman" <Movieman@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

news:695D8EA5-BD50-4B7E-8609-E48D8BFBA12E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Although I have different hardware, I have the same problem with 'stuttering' Live TV only. Original recorded TV is OK, but new recordings are stuttering.

I have updated both the MCE1300 Hauppauge TV card as well as the Graphics Card (GeForce 6600) I still get this stuttering.

It has to be the MCE as I have a Digital TV used for MCE and normal viewing, it has a DVB Tuner in it and that is rock stable all the time.

I run the AMD 64 3000+, 1Gig RAM, 40G C drive and a 300G TV record SATA Drive.

Any help will be appreciated, I have run out of options!!

Another wierd thing has happened today, I was watching the MCE on Live TV as

it was not too bad trying to figureout my next move, when suddenly the whole

screen went blue and the words 'Didital Audi Service' was displayed on the left hand side of the screen, TV audio was

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still audible and still
stuttering. On pressing the live TV button on
the remote all came
back
as
normal, only to return to the same screen
after a short while.
Can anyone thro' some light on this as well.
Look forward to getting an answer to the
picture/sound stuttering
problem.

Movieman>>

"JW" wrote:

Do you have any stuttering
problems with playing
recorded TV? Does
the audion also stutter or
just the video?

"Shawn Wildermuth (C#
MVP)"

<swildermuth@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote

in

message

news:fc24ddbd11a848c8825c7c4c49f2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hello Gary,

Below I'll
mention the
hardware,
but it hasn't
changed in
the
year+
i've
used MCE.
The
problem is
one of
gradually
increasing
crappyness.
I
can't
believe my

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hardware is
slowly
failing...
Dell 8100
P4 2.0 MHz
1 Gig of
RAM
ATI 9700
Video Card
with 64
Megs
Memory
(not enough
for HD, but
upgrading
soon)
WinTV
PVR-150
Video
Capture
Card
Hercules
Game
Theater XP
6.1
Soundcard
1-40 Gig
5400 IDE
Harddrive
(don't
remember
Manufacturer)
1-250 Gig
7200 IDE
Harddrive
(don't
remember
either)
Sony Dual
Layer
DVD-R/RW
Burner
Does that
help?
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What
hardware
do
you
have
then.

It's
a
bit
hard
to
guess
what
you
might
have
if
you
don't
tell
us
<g>

Microsoft
MVP
–
Windows
XP
Shell/User
<http://www.microsoft.com/mvp>
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MVP)"
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Hello
Gary,

Thanks
for
the
idea...but
nope...Intel.

Thanks,

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Author
and
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Do
you
have
an
AMD
X2
CPU?

If
so,
you
need
to
update
your
CPU
driver.
See
here
for
an
explanation
why.

New
AMD
Athlon
64
CPU
Driver
(version
1.3.2)

<http://jtsang.blogspot.com/2006/07/new-amd>
r-
vers
io
n.html
Otherwise,
it
would
help
if

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you
listed
your
hardware
configuration.
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in
message
<news:fc24ddbd11a558c88245c0b23154@xxx>

I
have
a
decent
class
MCE
machine
that
I
use
as
my
PVR
only
(its
not
used
as
a
desktop
at
all).
About
90%
of
the
time
when
I

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watch
live
TV
it
is
fine,
but
occasional
stuttering
happens.
I've
noticed
that
if
I
am
browsing
the
channel
guide
while
watching
TV
that
both
the
TV
and
access
to
the
channel
guide
stutter
in
sync
(I
move
the
cursor
but
it
waits
2-3
seconds
then
catches
up).
For
the
first

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six
months
the
box
worked
well
but
has
been
getting
worse
the
last
six
months.
The
problem
is
growing.
I
have
defragged
the
harddrive.
I
have
recently
upgraded
to
a
7200
RPM
drive
and
all
recording
is
happening
to
that
dedicated
drive.
I
have
stopped
all
unnecessary
services.
Its
still
happening.

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ANy
ideas?
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