

Re: Vista Beta 2 AMD and Media Center

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I can't quite figure out what you want...a faster response on the fix? If so, you're going to have to stand in line with the bazillions of other bugs people have reported. Have you tried any builds since Beta 2? Mentioned this on the beta newsgroups?

Sounds like you did file the bug report, and the resolution was "Fixed in RC1"...if so, what's the problem?

Dana Cline – MCE MVP

"Brian" <Brian@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:E6AB6C10-CE2E-4FB8-B176-A6C062D58977@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

After reading several post on these boards, it seems that there is an obvious problem with AMD X2 Dual Cores and Windows Vista Media Center when watching live TV.

As a Beta 2 tester, I have installed this OS on my newly built HTPC originally with a single core processor and it worked flawlessly with the following components:

AMD 64 3200+ Venice
OCZ DDR 600 2x512
MSI K8NGM2-FID (Geforce 6150 chipset & onboard video)
ATI Elite (550 Pro)

Recently AMD has dramatically dropped their prices on their processors since Intel's release of Conroe. Like many people, I jumped at the chance of upgrading to a X2 (X2 4800+ Toledo) without realizing that there would be any problems with Vista.

Once the dual core processor was installed, I started to experience BSOD, Freezes, Black screens, reboots, etc when watching Live TV. I went through

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the trouble of reinstalling Beta 2 on my HTPC.

I have submitted all problems and many of the solutions from Microsoft says that its been resolved with Vista RC1 and to wait for it to be available at the end of the year. I am shocked to see that there is a fix and yet as a test for Media Center, I have to wait for another release of the OS.

From what I'm reading on these boards, it seems like the problem is related to the management of the dual core processors and many people have suggested downloading AMD's dual core drivers (which are for XP only!). All other software and driver upgrades have not worked. Live TV will freeze up anywhere from a couple of minutes to a couple of hours with the BSOD saying there's a problems with "memory management," "IRQ Less than or equal to zero", or not mentioning anything at all. Other times the screen just goes black and the computer locks up, or if I'm lucky, the screen goes black and I'm able to regain control of the computer by pressing the Windows button on the keyboard and the computer automatically restarts MC.

If this is a known problem and has been for some time, I am shocked that Microsoft has not at the very least posted this problem offically. No where in my solutions from MS did they specifically say the cause of my problems were and I have spent many days trying to resolve.

If the problem is an issue of management of the dual core processors, why does it require us to wait for Vista RC1 for the fix? Assuming RC1 is a fix to this problem.

To me, this problem is going to continue to grow as more people, like me, jump at the oppertunity to buy dual cores without any knowledge of the incompatibility with Media Center.

As much as I appricate being a tester of a beta OS, I feel that better communication should be established about this issue. Communication goes both ways and I've been doing my best to report this to MS.

-Frustrated.

"Jason Tsang" wrote:

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It's a bit surprising that AMD/Microsoft haven't been able to integrate the appropriate fixes..

I'd suggest you file a bug on the issue.

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Jason Tsang – Microsoft MVP

Read my blog for the latest in Media Center topics (and other topics that interest me)

<http://jtsang.blogspot.com>

More information by me

<http://jtsang.mvps.org>

<http://www.classicsunveiled.com>

Find out about the MS MVP Program –

<http://mvp.support.microsoft.com/default.aspx>

"David C" <DavidC@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:2E415E61-FF5E-4D63-9012-CE63D524388E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Vista Beta 2 Build 5384 x32

"buckeyeboy" wrote:

Which OS?

Beta2? Build?

x32 or x64bit?

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What does your MCE2005 setup look like, check out:

<http://flickr.com/groups/mediacenter/> to see what others are doing

"David C" wrote:

I have a AMD 64 dual core
4200 processor with a
twinhan tv card. The
Asus
board has the latest bios and

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the cool and quiet is disabled. The tv is stuttering similar to what happened in MCE2005 before the AMD patch was installed. This same patch won't install on Vista due to it not being XP.

Has anyone got a solution to this problem?