

Re: Vista Beta 2 AMD and Media Center

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- *From:* Brian <Brian@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Hi JW,

Appreciate the productive feedback. Unfortunately the XP X2 driver will not install in Vista Beta 2. The program immediately errors with a message that states this is only for XP OS.

I have tried the AMD optimizer, latest ATI catalysis Vista beta drivers, etc as suggested through this board. The only other "solution" i have read on this board is that someone bought another brand of tv tuner. hehe, don't think I'm going to throw any more money at this :)

"JW" wrote:

AFAIK the XP X2 drivers are also solve the problem for and are required for Vista since the Vista beta was released after the X2 XP drivers were released AMD did not update the description of them.

"Dana Cline - MVP" <dcline@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:OxkmEcvuGHA.1512@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:E6AB6C10-CE2E-4FB8-B176-A6C062D58977@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

After reading several post on these boards, it seems that there is an obvious

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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
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

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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
officially. 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 opportunity to buy dual cores without any
knowledge of the
incompatibility with Media Center.

As much as I appreciate 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.

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-Frustrated.

"Jason Tsang" wrote:

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

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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
the
cool
and
quiet
is
disabled.
The
tv
is
stuttering
similar
to
what
happened
in
MCE2005

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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?