

Re: Delay changing channels

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- *From:* "JW" <nospam@xxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Wed, 16 Aug 2006 12:54:44 -0700
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Jaime said

"their is only a very brief instant of blank screen. It's not as fast as an old TV" and he does not define brief.

His "Brief" and your "1 second" could actually be about the same value if measrued with a stop watch.

"DanDada" <DanDada@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:A935E191-0A4B-47EF-9318-AD705AB17071@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

ok JW, thanks. If the delay is unavoidable, that is fine, but the fact that Jaime experiences no delay still makes me think that there is something that can be done.

Jaime can you please clarify what you mean by "no delay"? Is it exactly like a conventional TV, or do you also see a momentary pause when going from one channel to another???

"JW" wrote:

IMHO due to the establishment of the time shift buffer there is no way it will ever match that of a conventional NTSC tuner going direct to a screen without any reprocessing of any kind.

"DanDada" <DanDada@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:6E89B605-D457-4B64-92B0-30D58EF0CC13@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

JW, I have confirmed Disk Caching is enable and the HD is using DMA, infact, Ultra DMA mode 2. The delay we are speaking of is a 1 second delay when

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going from one channel to the next. When you hit the button to go up one channel or enter any channel #, MCE freezes for 1 second, then the next channel is displayed. On a conventional TV, when u change the channel, the delay is a matter of milliseconds. 1 second may sound insignificant, but try going from 2 – 99 w/a 1 second delay between each channel. It gets to be very very annoying. Any other help is greatly appreciated!!!!

"JW" wrote:

It is not a function of the tuner it is a function of your MCE software and your disk configuration. You might make sure that your Disk caching is enabled for your drive or controller(I forget where the check box for this is) and that you are using DMA access. Assuming no problems there(since the defaults are the correct settings) what you and others consider long delay vs reasonable response may be the same time value you could only tell for sure using a stop watch.
"DanDada"
<DanDada@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in message
news:FC22C2D7-8072-402A-8838-9F3CF03DBC2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

So does that mean the Emuzed Tuner is inferior in quality? Does anyone know

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of any issues w/ Emuzed
Tuners????

"Michael J. Mahon" wrote:

From what
has been
written, I
doubt that
much of the
delay is due
to
processing
speed.

For
directly
tuned
channels
(not STB
setups), I'd
be willing
to
bet
that it is a
function of
the tuner's
response
time, not
the
system.

-michael

DanDada
wrote:

Jaime,
my
system
is
just
as
beefy,
if
not
more...
2
gigs

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ram,
intel
4
dual
core
pro,
etc
etc.
Well,
I
guess
I'll
have
to
learn
to
live
w/
the
delay
if
there
is
not
setting
that
can
be
adjusted
in
the
registry
etc.
Arite
thanx!

"Jaime"
wrote:

I
have
a
Hauppauge
150mce,
which
is
what
a
lot

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of
people
use,
and
I
don't
know
if
that
affects
it
or
not.
As
I
said,
this
discussion
has
come
up
before
and
most
seem
to
think
the
second
or
two
delay
is
inherent
in
the
system,
but
the
way
some
have
described
it,
they
must
be
seeing
much
more
time

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between
chaannels
than
I.
As
I
said,
when
I
flip
channels,
their
is
only
a
very
brief
instant
of
blank
screen.
It's
not
as
fast
as
an
old
TV
that
didn't
have
all
the
filtering
and
cleanup
circuitry
that
TVs
have
now,
but
it
really
is
no
different
delay
than
if

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I
just
have
the
TV
running
directly
from
the
cable.

BTW,
I
have
my
signal
split
with
one
directly
into
the
coax
on
the
TV
and
one
to
the
tuner.

I
have
a
Sempron
2600,
768M
of
RAM,
a
generic
FX5200
video
card,
and
I
use
the
nVidia
DVD
decoder.

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I
don't
know
how
much
any
of
that
affects
the
delay
in
the
system.

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James
Orlando
(Goofy
says
"Hey!"),
Florida

"DanDada"

<DanDada@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote

in

message

news:903BEE04-B48B-46A5-AE40-D3398BE517

dfeifer,
thanks
for
the
reply
but
i'm
not
sure
we
are
talking
about
the
same
thing.
Did
you
respond
to
my

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post
by
mistake?

Jaime,
your
post
is
on
point.
I
don't
have
a
set
top
box,
I
have
an
analog
cable,
connected
DIRECTLY
to
the
tv
tuner
in
my
pc.
The
fact
that
you
don't
get
any
type
of
delay
really
gives
me
some
hope
now!
My
cable
signal
is

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split
between
my
main
TV
(different
room)
and
my
TV
Tuner.
If
i
take
the
cable
and
connect
it
directly
to
the
tv
tuner
(ie.
no
splitte),
it
makes
no
difference.
What
could
the
problem
be???

Oh,
what
kind
of
TV
Tuner
do
you
have?
Mine
is
an
Emuzed
Angel

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PCI.
Could
it
be
a
problem
w/
this
tuner?

"Jaime"
wrote:

Out
of
curiosity,
are
you
using
a
STB
with
your
setup
or
analog
cable
directly
plugged
in
to
the
tuner
card?

We've
had
this
question
come
up
before
on
the
group
and
I'm
not
totally

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convinced
that
it
is
the
buffer
causing
the
delay

--

I
have
plain
old
analog
cable
plugged
right
into
the
PC
and
I
have
virtually
no
delay
when
I
surf.
The
channel
change
at
pretty
much
the
same
speed
as
when
I
am
just
watching
the
cable
directly.
I
think
some

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if
one
is
changing
channels
constantly,
isn't
there
some
sort
of
"cached"
info
like
that
of
IE
for
example.
Not
trying
to
be
difficult,
but
I
want
to
make
this
as
seamless
as
possible.
If
it
can't
be
done,
this
is
something
that
definitely
needs
to
be
taken
into
consideration
for

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future
versions
of
MCE.....

"JW"
wrote:

The
delay
is
caused
by
MCE
creating
a
new
file
in
order
to
support
a
TimeShift
buffer
for
the
new
channel
and
not
actually
starting
to
show
the
new
file
until
it
can
sucessfully
issue
a
write
command
to
the
newly

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created
file.

"DanDada"
<DanDada@xxxxxx
wrote
in
message
news:1D8D927D-E

Is
there
any
way
to
avoid
the
delay
when
changing
channels
w/
MCE?
There
is
a
1
second
delay
going
from
one
channel
to
another
which
gets
to
be
very
annoying
when
channel
surfing.
Does
anyone
have
a
workaround
for

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this
if
this
is
by
design?