

Re: Delay changing channels

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- *From:* "JW" <nospam@xxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Thu, 17 Aug 2006 11:05:25 -0700
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Definitely makes a difference on MCE when you hold it down. I wonder if that is by design?

"Jaime" <jaimelobo@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:O1Jq0BiwGHA.4512@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Okay, if one picture is worth a thousand words, then here's a few million.

I used my digicam's video mode last night and shot a few seconds of the TV while surfing with MCE and surfing directly on the TV.

I posted the videos here: <http://delanepark.org/surfing.htm>.

This is probably not terribly scientific, as I was holding the camera in my right-hand and clicking with my left (I am right-handed), but you get the general feel. On both, I first kind of tapped the "up" button quickly at first, then just held it down later in the clip, you should notice the change in speed toward the end of each clip.

You might want to download and watch to make sure they are running consistently and not stuttering because of connection problems.

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

"DanDada" <DanDada@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:3A03048E-79A6-4837-83C5-54A41DE6640E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Jaime, please clarify this for us! Thanks!

"JW" wrote:

Jaime said
"their is only a very brief instant of blank screen. It's not as
fast
as an

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old TV" and he does not define brief.
His "Brief" and your "1 second" could actually be about the
same
value if
measured 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

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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
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

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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

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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

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a
stop
watch.
"DanDada"
<DanDada@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:FC22C2D7-8072-402A-8838-9F3CF03DBCB2@xxx

So
does
that
mean
the
Emuzed
Tuner
is
inferior
in
quality?
Does
anyone
know
of
any
issues
w/
Emuzed
Tuners????

"Michael
J.
Mahon"
wrote:

From
what
has
been
written,
I
doubt
that
much
of
the
delay
is
due

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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
ram,
intel
4

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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
of
people
use,

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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
between
chaannels
than

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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
I
just
have

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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.
I
don't
know

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how
much
any
of
that
affects
the
delay
in
the
system.

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

"DanDada"
<DanDada@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:903BEE04-B48B-46A

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

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Jaime,
your
post
is
on
point.
I
don't
have
a
set
top
box,
I
hava
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
split
between
my

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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
PCI.
Could
it

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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
convinced
that
it

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is
the
buffer
causing
the
delay

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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
of
the
delay

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is
MCE
getting
the
signal
from
the
remote,
translating,
and
resending
to
the
STB.

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

"DanDada"
<DanDada@
wrote
in
message
news:ED5D

JW,
than
That
expl
the
delat
but
is
there
anyv
to
spee
this
proc
up?
I
mea
if
one
is

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chan
chan
cons
isn't
there
some
sort
of
"cac
info
like
that
of
IE
for
exan
Not
tryin
to
be
diffi
but
I
wan
to
mak
this
as
sean
as
poss
If
it
can't
be
done
this
is
some
that
defin
need
to
be
take
into
cons
for
futura
vers
of

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"JW

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