

# Re: Vista Update August 27 Nvidia nvlddmkm.sys BSOD

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Driver updates are optional

"Smilerfive" <[Smilerfive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Smilerfive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:D38C2683-0FF2-459C-983D-5143C649C3D2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I can confirm this is not a specific problem with Nvidia cards. I went out and bought a new ATI graphics card because I could not afford to wait any longer.

I immediately installed this card and my system immediately sprang into life. And in the two hours it was working I managed to backup or otherwise retrieve all my data.

The next I saw was a 'display driver stopped working' error in Vista, also know as a TDR error, where timing between Vista and graphics card is lost somehow. Basically this error appeared maybe 4 times then my system crashed again with the same error BSOD 116 but with the ATI driver file instead of the nvidia driver.

THIS IS A VISTA UPDATE problem where my system has been corrupted by a wayward Vista Update. Somehow this is killing graphics systems...

I hope they fix it soon.... Vista is becoming unusable

"realcestmoi" wrote:

Hi there,

If your hardware works fine: leave it be working fine and never take driver updates from windows update unless they are driver(s) for a microsoft device, if not go to the manufacturers website that is IF an update is NEEDED because the hardware is not working well.

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Best regards,  
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System: Windows Vista Ultimate fully updated, Intel E6600,  
Nvidia  
7600GT,  
4Gb Ram, one LCD VGA and one lcd via DVI etc, nothing  
is over clocked

Problem: I built this system 6 months ago and it has been  
running  
perfectly  
since. On August 27th my system tried to automatically  
update the  
existing  
Nvidia driver from Windows Update (groan, I know, I've  
changed it and  
will  
never let this happen again). My previous driver had been  
working  
perfectly.  
I was at work and came home, my system was unstable, I  
was getting  
TDR's,  
artefacts on screen and before I could really work out what  
was going  
on  
my  
system crashed with BSOD on nvlddmkm.sys error 116.

Now it is in a loop. No matter what I do or what display  
drivers I try  
Vista  
always crashes on reboot with the same BSOD  
nvlddmkm.sys error 116.

With an Nvidia driver loaded I get a BSOD nvlddmkm.sys at  
boot with  
error  
116. Regardless of driver – 97.46, 100.64, 162.22, 162.44 etc

If I let my system update itself, ie with a Microsoft minimal  
driver,  
it  
boots but all I get displayed is a blank black screen with a  
mouse

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cursor.

Microsoft Nvidia WDDM driver 25/01/2007 So it shows a mouse cursor that actually moves about but the desktop is not present, blank, black etc.

If I uninstall whatever driver is currently installed from safe mode, removing all driver files, removing those in system32 and renaming nvlddmkm.sys in system32/drivers, and then reboot, my system boots up with no driver file loaded for the adaptor at all. This actually allows me to boot into Vista and gives me a desktop but clearly this means I have no display driver running and have no more than basic display functionality.

I really need help. My own view is Windows update partially installed a driver or partially updated the driver that was on my system prior to August 27th. Somehow it never completed that operation and my system has residual registry entries that point to incorrect driver files.

I have tried sweeping registry and I did find residual NVidia files but they were minimal and when I installed driver again I had the same nvlddmkm.sys BSOD error.

I have two monitors one a Sony 17" LCD VGA and an LG 22" DVI. They were both working fine prior but now they don't, obviously. I have seen messages about dual displays and the drivers/registry becoming confused. So I tried various configurations of monitor – VGA only, DVI only, connected

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to different

ports

etc. Each time same error BSOD nvlddmkm.sys 116.

It's now three weeks since this happened and my system is

still

farquhared.

I need some serious help, I am way behind on some lucrative

projects

and I

might pay for help to get this resolved. Help!!!