Subject: Re: ATI...
Posted by The Elite Officer on Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:20:31 GMT
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The Merovingian wrote on Wed, 17 October 2007 12:02Well, for those of you who don't know, i own a 15.4" MacBook Pro.

I like it to run Windows now and then for my modding skills and Steam and whatnot. So i repartitioned my hard drive to give windows a nice 30gb chunk.

One day, i decided to download and install Steam and buy the Orange Box from it since it's all the rage now, and once i spent a good 7 hours downloading and decrypting Portal, i decided to run it.

I got a window from Steam saying my graphics card drivers aren't up to date and i should update them for optimal performance. With my previous experience with Source games, if i don't have the right drivers, the game crashes when its loaded into memory. So i visited the ATI site and downloaded the latest drivers (drivers only, not Catalyst) for my graphics card.

I attempted to install, yet the installer "Couldn't find the hardware". I thought 'okay.. it's a mac, it has video card drivers with bootcamp already installed, i should be fine'. It told me that it failed to install any drivers because there was no hardware for it to interact with. I ran the game again, and clicked the nice, already highlighted button saying "Continue anyway" hoping it would be fine. It was fine... Portal ran very well and i was happy with the other Steam games that ran... And still run to this day.

About 2 days later, i experienced my first Windows 'Blue Screen of Death'. This is my very first experience of this 'Blue Screen of Death' in the 8 years that i have been using Windows. This 'Blue Screen of Death' was caused by ATI drivers (that weren't supposed to be installed   ) from entering an infinite loop.

Now, every time i startup Windows i have to end those tasks to prevent it from happening (yes, it happened again in the same day after restarting). However, it still finds excuses to give me 'Blue Screens of Death' in which i never payed any particular attention to besides holding the power button for several seconds.

I've tried removing the executables but it gives me "Access Denied" and i can't be bothered installing Unlocker to delete them...

Some things i would like to know:

1. Why did ATI driver installer install drivers for hardware that 'didn't exist'?
2. Why do ATI drivers run into infinite loops causing system failure?
3. Why didn't i wait 1 WEEK before getting my Mac with an nVidia graphics card...

Has anyone else had any problems with ATI drivers?

(PS: I forbid Trooprm02 to post in this topic as he'll start flaming ATI/nVidia for no reason what-so-ever)

They cause the same loops over and over again because they have a certian 'complete command' script I will post the script soon.