Subject: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by MexPirate on Mon, 15 May 2006 17:56:10 GMT

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OK, my system is way above requirements: P4 3.2ghz, 1GB RAM, Geforce 6800 512mb memory, 240GBHDD - I am running a 2mbps Internet connection through TalkTalk (In the UK).

Recently I have been experiencing intermittent FPS drops ingame, I have recently upgraded my GFX Card and installed The First Decade - however everything was running fine after both of these events (at 75fps on max settings)

My pings are not great as I share the connection with another PC but that doesn't seem to be related.

I have reinstalled ren, both using my original cd and the first decade, tried with/without renguard.

The other computer on my connection has had similar problems but not to the same extent.

When this occurs my FPS drops to anything as low as 3 and the game becomes completely unplayble for a short while, then will come back to normal, this happens every few minutes.

Any ideas would be appreciated, please bear in mind that I am a bit of a n00b when it comes to changing settings etc so feel free to speak to me in lamens terms.

Thanks in advance for any assistance.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by =HT=T-Bird on Mon, 15 May 2006 20:18:28 GMT

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Is someone spamming you with invites/pings/etc... Pirate?

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by MexPirate on Mon, 15 May 2006 20:29:53 GMT

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Henry was asking me for a cw like 50 times a day, but he has stoppped now. Regularly get pm's coming from IRC but no spam anymore.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by danpaul88 on Mon, 15 May 2006 20:32:10 GMT

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it *could* be your internet connection is being intermittent, never used talktalk so I don't know what their connections are like... can't think of anything else off the top of my head except to make sure you havn't got anything in the background accessing the net (could even be a virus / malware uploading / downloading stuff from / to your computer)

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Blazer on Mon, 15 May 2006 21:40:03 GMT
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I had a problem similar to this, and it turned out to be caused by having my web browser minimized, on a page that had periodic automatic refreshes. Every time the page would refresh, my Renegade would slow to a crawl for a good 5-8 seconds.

Not saying this is your problem, but just to give you the idea to check around for other processes that you might have running while you are playing.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Goztow on Mon, 15 May 2006 21:49:17 GMT
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virus scanner scanning something (incoming mail?)? Are there any other programs running in the background?

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by MexPirate on Mon, 15 May 2006 22:21:09 GMT
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Hmmm I usually have Avast running in the baccground but have tried closing allbackground applications without noticing a difference. Also I will normally have a forum window minimised but they do not have auto refresh on - also I have always used Anti virus and forums so cant see why they would suddenly affect it

Will run full Virus/Malware scans, do all the usual upkeep stuf - see if that helps any.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Mon, 15 May 2006 22:38:40 GMT
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what connection is your graphics card? PCI/AGP/PCI-e

i have a 256mb PCI one and it tends not to like lots of ppl doing lots of things at the same time. then again, im used to having moderatally low frame rates.

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plus, try to keep your monitors refresh rate to 60hz as that's whats its desinged for.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by MexPirate on Mon, 15 May 2006 22:46:19 GMT
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it is an AGP x8 - this one to be precise: http://www.ebuyer.com/UK/product/107115

Lots of people doing lots of things? like Messenger programs IRC/MSN/Xfire etc, I will shut them all down and see if I get any improvement.

My monitor is and always has been running at 60hz, my game,connection,fps were all acting superbly with pings averaging 100 and fps of 50-75 pretty muchat all times until recently.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Kamuix on Mon, 15 May 2006 22:55:04 GMT
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I've have this problem alot when I'm playing in my own servers. My FPS will start at normal than slowly go down until it hits around 5.

Leaving and coming fixed it..Temporarily .

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by mision08 on Tue, 16 May 2006 04:33:37 GMT
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BIOS Settings!!! Sound card Settings!!!
If your Motherboard has on-board video and/or sound, make sure these are disabled in the BIOS. Also, make sure the AGP 8x setting is selected. If you are actually using the on-board sound, install a sound card.

P.S. I use Avast without any issues. Also, some motherboards will only allow 4x on the AGP Bus. hehe, I use AntiVir Gaurd. Avast is on the old pc.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Goztow on Tue, 16 May 2006 06:38:42 GMT
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Do you have a flat screen or CTR? Most flat screens (not the expensive ones) have a problem with much action at the same time, I've read a whole thing about it but it was quite technical . But

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then it wouldn't be randomly going down but rather when you're in big action scenes.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Tue, 16 May 2006 07:24:20 GMT
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2 meg connection...?

i was with telewest till it became too slow. it maybe the contract you made with talktalk, speeds arent for gaming etc. try it with many people in the server and try it with few people in the server.

plus the time in which it takes data to go from the disk drive and HDD(s) through the CPU and the GPU may take it time at cirtain times...

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by MexPirate on Tue, 16 May 2006 16:50:53 GMT
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BIOS Settings have not been fiddled with since buying the PC so dont believe the problem will be there - but will check for 8x AGP settings.

Will ensure my sound card drivers are up to date

My motherboard does not use "on board" graphics or sound

I am going to turn Avast back on, turning it off made no difference and dont really want to pick up a virus and create more problems

I had a trained computer technician take a look at my motherboard to check port compatibility and had him check the card I was purchasing for compatibility so pretty sure that isn't an issue also.

I have a 17" Flat panel monitor - have been running ren through it for over a year and never had problems like this until now.

Yes the connection is 2 meg, recently upgraded from 512k but was working fine after the upgrade - I have tried in several different servers small and large games, problem still occured in a 2v2 when I was in my base with no1 around, not even any vehicles on the map.

I will defrag my HDD (although it has been formatted relitavely recently and only has 18 out of 240 Gigs full) to see if that helps the HDD speed at all, my main concern is that it may be a CPU problem as I cant really afford a replacement at the moment.

Many thanks to everyone who has posted suggestions, will keep trying anything new so keep em coming please-will be sure to let you know if I get it sorted.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by danpaul88 on Tue, 16 May 2006 17:05:31 GMT
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check to see if anything is updating itself in the background, perhaps avast is downloading (or even just checking for) updates, which it will probably have still done even with it's firewall disabled (never used the program so can't say for sure).

I wouldn't think the problem is CPU related, CPU's are generally fairly reliable, and when they start going wrong they tend to screw up more than just FPS...

If you have recently formatted your hard drive is it a fair assumption to think you also reinstalled windows? Did the problem start occuring right after the reformat, or some time after that?

If you downloaded the latest drivers from the nvidea website try installing the drivers that came with the gfx card instead, some newer drivers have an odd habit of messing with renegade...

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by MexPirate on Tue, 16 May 2006 17:25:55 GMT
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Have tried it with all programs turned off, will reconfigure the network to have the internet connection coming directly to my machine to ensure I am getting best connection.

Some time after, around 3 weeks I think and it was OS that is all on one setup disk for my PC that is already configured correctly for my machine.

I am currently using the drivers provided my my graphics card.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Tue, 16 May 2006 18:18:33 GMT
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it may just be renegade, have you tried installing it to another directory?

run antivirus/adaware etc etc and see if their are any bugs in their...

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by mision08 on Wed, 17 May 2006 00:48:43 GMT
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Clean the GPU fan, CPU fan, and case fans. Roll back the sound card drivers or any other drivers that maybe affecting the game play. Set the GFX card settings to its default performance setting and the resolution to 800 by 600. I doubt it is the Internet connection speed, but I do agree that a

program updating in the back ground will definitely cause this.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Wed, 17 May 2006 07:33:16 GMT
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yeah, i get norton updating everytime i play and fps really drops...

but have you tried installing renegade to another directory?

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by JPNOD on Wed, 17 May 2006 13:53:21 GMT
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When did it start happening did you update any programs/ downloaded something via p2p or downloaded a strange file?

Try posting a hijack-this log on a proffesional forum.. or just post it here and then ile have a look at if there's any strange processes running. Also Avast is pretty decent, but try a different scanner like Nod32 or Kaspersky.. it could be going past it.

Also you could also see a format as a option.. but that's the easy way if everything fails you could try a format. If it's still doing it after that, then you know that its a hardware issue.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by MexPirate on Thu, 18 May 2006 12:47:34 GMT
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Well not sure what did it in the end, but problem seems to be fixed, getting FPS of 50-75 again as standard

Thanks for everyones suggestions.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by mision08 on Thu, 18 May 2006 13:42:29 GMT
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I'm sure it was one of my suggestions.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by JPNOD on Thu, 18 May 2006 15:31:25 GMT
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What steps did you follow? because there is someone else with a similar problem on NN forums.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by MexPirate on Thu, 18 May 2006 16:26:58 GMT
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I defragged my HDD, it was completely fragmented (no idea why as its recently been formatted)

I plugged my internet connection directly to my PC

I removed Renegade/Renguard completely and re-installed using my original renegade disc.

Somewhere along the line something fixed it, I can only assume it was removing/reinstalling ren but I had done that previously with no affect - so idk.

Tried most of the suggestions on this thread previously, so something else may have helped and just needed the reinstall to correct the problem, sorry to be so vaugue - would suggest directing anyone with similar problems to this thread as a lot of people have contributed some good ideas.

Thanks again

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Thu, 18 May 2006 22:21:37 GMT
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anything to help, glad you got it back up

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by JohnDoe on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 08:38:44 GMT
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I've got the same problem over the last 6 months and it's pissing me off bigtime...sometimes it seems fixed, but then an hour later when I restart Renegade I get those annoying freezes again.

I defrag my PC all the time, have reinstalled Renegade over and over and had AVG Anti-Virus and Ad-aware scanning numerous times.

Pirate, did you ever do the BIOS stuff suggested here? Or did another virus scanner find something? I'll clean my fan anyway, but I'm kinda running out of options here since I share my internet connection with 4 other computers in the household.

EDIT: Renegade is the only game with these issues.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by CarrierII on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 09:58:17 GMT
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talktalk suck. badly.
I know that fragmentation can cause huge problems with performance, I used to get 400 ping cos always.dat was in 522 peices.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by JohnDoe on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 13:29:26 GMT
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What's talktalk?

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 16:08:21 GMT
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talktalk ISP is a brittish ISP. its ADSL at 2megabits downstream and 400kilobits upstream (<i think)

im with bulldog, 16megabits downstream and 1megabit upstream (<)

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Sniper_De7 on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 19:57:07 GMT
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I had this for a long time as well, "JohnDoe". at sometime during feb/march or something I did an update for video card drivers (i've got a radeon) and it stopped. Ever since, I haven't updated in fear of any newer one messing it up again.

Yeah, i have Catalyst 6-2 which you probably can't find on the ATI site but if you can't, i have the installer on my computer if you want me to send it and take a very long time.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game

Posted by JohnDoe on Fri, 02 Jun 2006 20:19:00 GMT
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I've got a Geforce 6800 now, but afaik the problem has already existed with my Radeon, so I don't think the drivers are the issue. However, maybe there are remnants of the old ATI drivers on my harddrive that didn't get uninstalled or something. Does anybody know of a program that finds those things?

EDIT: I think the problem first occurred after I installed some new direct x that came with the Riddick game and I think I had an error or something...is there a way to uninstall Direct X or downgrade it?

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by CarrierII on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 13:03:03 GMT
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Merovingian wrote on Fri, 02 June 2006 11:08talktalk ISP is a brittish ISP. its ADSL at 2megabits downstream and 400kilobits upstream (<i think)

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Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by mision08 on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 15:13:34 GMT
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Johndoe
Search for a credit card generator and find a number that works. Call Allienware, tell them you want the fastest gaming rig they have. It doesn't matter what you tell them for personal info. Once you get the PC possession is nine tenths law. Plus, I know you can out wit anyone at allienware.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by JohnDoe on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 17:12:50 GMT
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I know that you're a bit obsessed with me, but why would you put 2 of my posts in my sig that are entirely correct?

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 17:47:24 GMT
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yes i know, i was just showing what they were advitising. i was with telewest before, they said i
have 10mbit downstream and 365kbit upstream for £35 a month. i got, at the most, 1mbit down
and 100kbit up. and their cable... not ADSL...

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by mision08 on Sat, 03 Jun 2006 20:40:11 GMT
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It would be an act of foolishness to try and find a quote from you that wasn't entirely correct. Don't
you think?
Obsessed is such a strong word, but you tend to overate you self (no conjunction). Hell, I've
already snapped and now I'm obsessed. I just want to fit in with you and your crowd.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by JohnDoe on Sun, 04 Jun 2006 08:37:48 GMT
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mision08 wrote on Wed, 31 May 2006 13:31Go fuck yourself. You little cumtwat. I hope you fall on
your head, leaving you with slurred speech and a lame leg.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by D4rkFyre on Sun, 04 Jun 2006 09:42:56 GMT
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Not sure if it'd help but I use a TFT 17' so but I altered my Screen Moniter to 200Hz(By Right
Clicking Desktop/Properties/Settings/Advanced/Moniter/ then change your Frequency ,thx to a
friends help and my fps would rise to a much higher FPS but I'm not sure if it would work with
yours. Just a suggestion.

Fyre

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by DaN#GW on Sun, 04 Jun 2006 21:26:03 GMT
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http://downloads.guru3d.com/download.php?det=745

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by mision08 on Sun, 04 Jun 2006 22:49:56 GMT
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JohnDoe wrote on Sun, 04 June 2006 03:37mision08 wrote on Wed, 31 May 2006 13:31Go fuck yourself. You little cumtwat. I hope you fall on your head, leaving you with slurred speech and a lame leg.

Thanks, helps to put things in context for others who may not be obsessed with you.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 11:59:37 GMT
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D4rkFyre wrote on Sun, 04 June 2006 04:42Not sure if it'd help but I use a TFT 17' so but I altered my Screen Moniter to 200Hz(By Right Clicking Desktop/Properties/Settings/Advanced/Moniter/ then change your Frequency ,thx to a friends help and my fps would rise to a much higher FPS but I'm not sure if it would work with yours. Just a suggestion.

Fyre

you do know this can lead to damaged hardware? increasing the refresh rate can seriously damage your graphics card or monitor. its not reccommended.

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game

Posted by D4rkFyre on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 19:20:55 GMT
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oo right Thought something bad was bound to happen, I was a little hesitant when going to the highest frame rate.My maximum is 200, right now it is at 70Hz for safety, Thx a lot

Fyre

Subject: Re: FPS Dropping in game
Posted by Zion on Mon, 05 Jun 2006 21:15:14 GMT
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my LCD is at 75hz and my CRT is at 85hz.

usually theres a tickable box thet says "only show options that the monitor can support" or somthing along those lines and then you can select avalible options from dropdown lists or sliders.