
Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K

Posted by [frijud](#) on Sat, 25 Oct 2003 17:18:57 GMT

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I recently reformatted my HD and upgraded from Win98SE to Win2K. General specs on my machine are:

1. Athalon 900
2. 398MB RAM
3. Western Digital 120GB HD (7200RPM)
4. VooDoo3 16MB video card
5. Win2K SP4
6. Cable Modem (756Kbps down, 128Kbps up)

I know, your first comment will be "get a new video card". BUT, I was generally getting 15 to 30 fps with I had Win98SE installed, however, with Win2K, I generally get 4 to 15 fps. All the hardware is the same.

I have set the renegade settings as low as they will go, both in resolution and the performance settings and still get lower fps than with Win98SE.

So my questions is... Is there a setting somewhere in Renegade or Win2K that I need to change? A followup question would be is there a third party Video card driver that may help?

I don't know much about computers, so any help would be appreciated.

Thanks!

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Posted by [Jaspah](#) on Sat, 25 Oct 2003 17:28:00 GMT

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Everyone new OS requires more power from your machine. Buy a new video card.

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Posted by [kopaka649](#) on Sat, 25 Oct 2003 18:17:26 GMT

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is your video card agp? if so, you may have to download some new chipset drivers from AMD since sometimes AGP isn't supported by the driver that came with your computer. look here: http://www.amd.com/us-en/Processors/TechnicalResources/0,,30_182_871_2336,00.html

EDIT: oh yeah, make sure you have the latest version of directx, its 9.0b i think, get it at <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/directx/default.aspx>

if you dont know which version you have, check by clicking run in your start menu and typing

dxdiag, which brings up the diagnostic utility.

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<http://www.voodoofiles.com/8611>

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Posted by [frijud](#) on Mon, 27 Oct 2003 02:50:07 GMT
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Well, I didn't have much success. I installed the new Video drivers from the voodoofiles site without any difficulty, but then Renegade didn't work. Everytime the screen went dark to start Renegade, I would get a Game.exe error and Windows shut down the program. I then got DirectX 9.1b from the microsoft website and that didn't help.

I ended up reinstalling my orgional Video drivers to get Renegade working again, abit at a lower FPS than Win98SE. Such is life I guess.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 03:14:01 GMT
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I used to have that same vid card and windows 2000, sadly there is nothing you can do except get a new vid card.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [Deactivated](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 13:02:27 GMT
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Honestly, Voodoo 3 is a museum video card. Even GeForce 1 is twice faster.

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Posted by [frijud](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 16:50:33 GMT
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SeaManHonestly, Voodoo 3 is a museum video card. Even GeForce 1 is twice faster.

Yes, I know that the VooDoo 3 is a bit old, but when I got this computer (in 1999), it was a rockin' card. I have upgraded almost everything on the computer (cpu, ram, cd drives, HD drives, ethernet cards, SCSI systems) but the sound and video cards. It almost isn't worth getting a better video card now, I should just buy another computer.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 22:34:48 GMT
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This: <http://www.accupc.com/itemDetail.jsp?pid=vav7100pro64>

Or this: <http://www.accupc.com/itemDetail.jsp?pid=VGVR7064T>

Both nice cheap vid cards.

Or: <http://www.accupc.com/itemDetail.jsp?pid=VAR98XTVTD256>

If your loaded with cash.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [Jaspah](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2003 22:50:43 GMT
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Holy crap. I want that last video card!

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [frijud](#) on Wed, 05 Nov 2003 20:47:28 GMT
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I think I may upgrade to one of the cheap cards. The last card is worth more than the rest of my computer combined!!! But for \$38 to upgrade out of my VooDoo3 is most likely worth it.

But than again, my VooDoo3 and I have had some wonderfull games together.....

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Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Thu, 06 Nov 2003 01:50:41 GMT
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If I were you then I would go with this one:
<http://www.accupc.com/itemDetail.jsp?pid=VGVR7064T>

Anything is better than a voodoo 3 card.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [frijud](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2003 19:01:20 GMT
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ohmybadIf I were you then I would go with this one:
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I just ordered this card. It should arrive later this week. So what should I expect with this card? My FPS range from 2 to 12 with my VooDoo3. Can I expect as high as 30?

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Mon, 10 Nov 2003 22:09:44 GMT
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Maybe even higher i.e. 35-50 at best.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Wed, 12 Nov 2003 01:15:09 GMT
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1) Windows 2000 Is not a good choice for Gaming. I tried to host and play on a 4 player server a while ago on W2K DC with a pc with similar specs, and the max I got was 2FPS.

2) The FPS you are getting now is fairly normal. 10-25FPS is the average for a PC like that.

Most of my PC are like yours.
P3 866
384MB ram
100GB storage (2HDs)
WinXP
DSL about same speed.

But my graphics card is a geforceFX 5200 128MB.

That improved performance ALOT trust me lol.

But if you plan to upgrade to WinXP, prepare to buy a new gfx card. XP doesn't support it.

So in short terms:

What is happening to you right now is normal.....sucks but is normal.

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Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Wed, 12 Nov 2003 01:49:52 GMT
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You need to upgrade to windows xp pro.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [frijud](#) on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 19:58:57 GMT
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I got the Raedon 7000 in the mail yesterday and got it installed. I was excited to fire up Renegade with it. My first time without my VooDoo3. The boot screen was much clearer, and the objects in the game were also very clear, however my FPS still sucked.

Without much action foing on, I was getting 11 to 13 fps. If I were to go on a rush with 5 flamers, I am sure that would drop down to 2 or 3.

Any idea why my VooDoo3 is just as good as my 7000? That doesn't make a lot of sense to me.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [Ultron10](#) on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 20:02:52 GMT
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Have you tried downloading drivers for it?

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K

Posted by [Sanada78](#) on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 20:38:08 GMT

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Just to compare things, I had a similar spec PC AMD Althon 1Ghz, 128MB, Geforce 2MX 400 32MB SDRAM with a 56K connection. In most games, I got around 40FPS which was reasonable for that spec.

lot better than my Geforce 2MX. But that system had an Althon XP 1800, 256MB DDRAM and a decent motherboard.

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Posted by [frijud](#) on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 22:39:51 GMT

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Ultron10Have you tried downloading drivers for it?

I used the drivers that came on the CD with the card. Do you think I should try other drivers? If so, which drivers should I try?

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Posted by [ohmybad](#) on Sat, 15 Nov 2003 23:07:27 GMT

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<http://www.ati.com/support/driver.html>

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Posted by [frijud](#) on Mon, 17 Nov 2003 21:06:50 GMT

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I downloaded the drivers from the website and installed them. It did not change the fps. I can play the game with higher resolution without a drop in fps, but I cannot increase my fps beyond 20 in a 24 player server.

Whereas it is very nice to have much better graphics, the lack of higher fps still limits me in the game. For example, sniping is totally out of the question when I am at 6 fps.

Unless there are other things I am totally missing, I will just have to stick with it until I get a new computer.

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Posted by [2000_years](#) on Sat, 22 Nov 2003 00:46:59 GMT

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Make sure you haven't got things like Anti-aliasing set on, they kill FPS. Check in the ATI control panel to make sure it's set to "off" or "application preference".

Also, if FPS is that much of an issue, try turning some of the stuff off in Renegade.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [Bearxor](#) on Thu, 27 Nov 2003 16:00:46 GMT
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frijudl can play the game with higher resoluion without a drop in fps,

If you can do this, your bottleneck is elsewhere besides your video card.

Subject: Poor FPS issue with Win2K
Posted by [flyingfox](#) on Fri, 28 Nov 2003 02:03:22 GMT
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Frij, it's still the video card. I use an old video card and my 7000 is up in the shelves. If you had read reports on the card first (which I wish I had done) it says the 7000 is not good for gaming. In fact it's a fairly bad card. I had the exact same problems as you. It's just a better card you need; trust me. go to <http://www.google.co.uk> and type in "radeon 7000 stats" or something and you'll see what I mean. It comes out the worst in a comparison of typical video cards.

The later ATI series cards are good though I think. The 9600 series and up is great, but a little expensive I think.

Oh, and if you can return the 7000 and get your money back, I would do so. And reinstall the old drivers while your at it.
