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01 INTRODUCTION TO RELEASE NOTES

This edition of *Release Notes* describes the Release 270 family of Quadro & NVS Professional Drivers for Microsoft® Windows® Vista/Windows 7. NVIDIA provides these notes to describe performance improvements and bug fixes in each documented version of the driver.

Structure of the Document

This document is organized in the following sections:

- ▶ “Release 270 Driver Changes” on page 2 gives a summary of changes, and fixed and open issues in this version.
- ▶ “The Release 270 Driver” on page 22 describes the NVIDIA products and languages supported by this driver, the system requirements, and how to install the driver.
- ▶ “Mode Support for Windows” on page 28 lists the default resolutions supported by the driver.

Changes in this Edition

This edition of the *Release Notes* for Windows Vista/Windows 7 includes information about NVIDIA graphics driver version 270.61, and lists changes made to the driver since version 267.79. These changes are discussed beginning with the chapter “Release 270 Driver Changes” on page 2.

02 RELEASE 270 DRIVER CHANGES

This chapter describes open issues for version 270.61, and resolved issues and driver enhancements for versions of the Release 270 driver up to version 270.61. The chapter contains these sections:

- ▶ “Version 270.61 Highlights” on page 3
- ▶ “Special Instructional Notes for this Release” on page 5
- ▶ “Changes in Version 270.51” on page 8
- ▶ “Open Issues in Version 270.61” on page 9
- ▶ “Not NVIDIA Issues” on page 11
- ▶ “Known Product Limitations” on page 16

Version 270.61 Highlights

This section provides highlights of version 270.61 of the NVIDIA Release 270 Driver for Windows Vista/Windows 7.

- ▶ [What's New in Release 270](#)
- ▶ [Discontinued Features in this Release](#)
- ▶ [Limitations in This Release](#)

What's New in Release 270

The section summarizes the following driver changes in Release 270:

NVIDIA Control Panel Updates

3D Vision / Stereoscopic 3D

- ▶ Added controls for turning 3D windowed mode on or off.

3D Vision

- ▶ With Release 270 drivers, the 3D Vision Controller driver is now included with all GPU driver installations.

You do not need to install a separate 3D Vision Controller driver or CD driver.

- ▶ Added new features to 3D Vision window mode:
 - Adds support for HDMI 1.4 3D TVs when using 3DTV Play software, including DirectX 9 games, Google Earth, and 3DVisionLive.com.
 - 3D Vision window mode now works with Windows Aero enabled.
 - New NVIDIA Control Panel option to toggle 3D Vision window mode on or off.

NVIDIA Surround

- ▶ Added 3D Vision Surround support when using 3D Vision monitors with built-in IR emitters.

CUDA

Released CUDA 4.0 for improved performance in GPU Computing applications.

What's New in Version 270.61

- ▶ This driver offers performance improvements over previous driver versions, including workstation compatibility fixes.

Discontinued Features in this Release

- ▶ The NVIDIA® AutoCAD Performance driver is no longer integrated in the graphics driver.

Standalone versions or version updates can still be downloaded from the NVIDIA driver download page.

- ▶ The following features are removed from the NVIDIA Control Panel
 - The Views option
You no longer need to select between Standard and Advanced views for many NVIDIA Control Panel controls.
 - The Profiles menu

Limitations in This Release

The following are features that are not currently supported or have limited support in this driver release:

- ▶ **Video Memory Support**

For Windows 7 and Windows Vista 64-bit, this driver recognizes up to the total available video memory on Quadro cards for Direct3D and OpenGL applications.

For Windows 7 and Windows Vista 32-bit, this driver recognizes only up to 4 GB of video memory on Quadro cards for DirectX, OpenGL, and CUDA applications.

- ▶ **NVIDIA Control Panel Display Category**

- The Graph tab on the Adjust Desktop Color Settings page is not available.

Special Instructional Notes for this Release

This section clarifies instructions for successfully accomplishing the following tasks:

- ▶ Using Mosaic Technology
- ▶ Turning Off V-Sync to Boost Performance
- ▶ NVIDIA Application Configuration Engine (ACE)
- ▶ SLI Multi-OS – GPU Assignment in System Virtualization

Using Mosaic Technology

This release contains NVIDIA's Mosaic Technology, which lets you span 2-4 displays across a single desktop for select non-SLI Quadro products and configurations. The following table lists the products and configurations that support NVIDIA Mosaic in this release:

Table 2.1 Quadro Products Offering NVIDIA Mosaic

Products	Notes
Quadro 6000, 5000	SLI GPUs in a Quadro SLI-certified workstation will utilize SLI Mosaic instead.
Quadro 4000, 2000, 600	
Quadro FX 5800	SLI GPUs in a Quadro SLI-certified workstation will utilize SLI Mosaic instead.
Quadro FX 4800, 3800, 1800, 580, 380LP, 380	
Quadro NVS 450, 420, 295, 290	
NVS 300	

- ▶ NVIDIA Mosaic is available only under Windows 7.

Turning Off V-Sync to Boost Performance

To get the best benchmark and application performance measurements, turn V-Sync off as follows:

- 1 Open the NVIDIA Control Panel and make sure that *Advanced Settings* is selected from the control panel tool bar.
- 2 From the *Select a Task* pane, under 3D Settings, click **Manage 3D Settings**, then click the Global Settings tab.
- 3 From the Global presets pull-down menu, select **Base profile**.
- 4 From the Settings list box, select **Vertical sync** and change its value to **Force off**, then click **Apply**.
- 5 From the Global presets pull-down menu, select **3D App - Default Global Settings** (the driver's default profile) or use the application profile that matches the application you are testing, then click **Apply**.

Be sure to close the NVIDIA Control Panel completely —leaving it open will affect benchmark and application performance.

NVIDIA Application Configuration Engine (ACE)

This driver includes the NVIDIA Application Configuration Engine (ACE), which automatically detects the workstation application and configures the appropriate profile settings in the NVIDIA Control Panel.

See the *NVIDIA Quadro Professional Drivers: NVIDIA Control Panel Quick Start Guide* for more information about this feature.

SLI Multi-OS - GPU Assignment in System Virtualization

On systems with two supported graphics cards installed, this driver supports a system virtualization tool's ability to directly assign a GPU to a guest virtual machine (VM). This direct assignment allows the host and guest VM to each run on their own operating system and with their own GPU and driver.

► **Supported Virtualization Software:** Parallels Workstation Extreme

► **Supported Graphics Cards**

Up to two different models can be used in a system, from among the following:

- Quadro 6000
- Quadro 5000
- Quadro 4000
- Quadro 2000
- Quadro FX 5800
- Quadro FX 4800
- Quadro FX 3800

► **Video BIOS Requirement**

- The graphics card assigned to the guest VM needs video BIOS version 62.00.39.00.00 or later.

For a list of SLI Multi-OS certified workstations, virtualization software, and OS combinations, please see http://www.nvidia.com/object/sli_multi_os.html .

Changes in Version 270.51

The following sections list the important changes and the most common issues resolved since driver version 267.79.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues

Fixed Single-GPU Issues

- ▶ NVIDIA Control Panel: Virtual Building Explorer needs an application profile created in the NVIDIA Control Panel Global Settings.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

Fixed Single-GPU Issues

- ▶ DeepOpacity gLinkProgram– “Exception during compilation” error message occurs when running the demo.
- ▶ Quadro 4000, Windows Vista: Softimage–the driver fails when attempting to execute the test suite.
- ▶ Quadro 4000: Softimage–the painting tool is slow.
- ▶ Quadro 2000: NX–the application performance is slower using the Quadro 2000 compared to using the Quadro FX 1800.
- ▶ Quadro 4000/5000: IO performace is reduced under Windows 7 compared to Windows XP.
- ▶ Quadro FX 5800: Showcase–The screen flickers while hovering the cursor anywhere within the application viewport.
- ▶ Quadro FX 4800: Avid Swap Demo–stuttering occurs when using multiple windows on a single display with swap on vertical sync enabled.
- ▶ Quadro FX 3800: 3dsmaxc–the shadow in the viewport creates a conflict with the default material when under realistic mode.

Fixed Multi-GPU Issues

- ▶ [SLI Mosaic], Dual Quadro Plex 7000: 3D stereo effect is not visible with some topologies.

Open Issues in Version 270.61

As with every released driver, version 270.61 of the Release 270 driver has open issues and enhancement requests associated with it. This section includes lists of issues that are either not fixed or not implemented in this version. Some problems listed may not have been thoroughly investigated and, in fact, may not be NVIDIA issues. Others may have workaround solutions.

- ▶ [“Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues” on page 9](#)
- ▶ [“Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues” on page 10](#)

Windows Vista/Windows 7 32-bit Issues

- ▶ NVIDIA Control Panel: Menu bar “Desktop”->“Enable video editing mode” functionality is not complete.447]
- ▶ RTT-DeltaGen—certain scenes experience unstable frame rates.
- ▶ Catia—models run slower on Windows 7 compared to Windows XP.
- ▶ Cinema 4D—performance improvements are requested.
- ▶ NVIDIA Control Panel: Pro E Wildfire 5—the application doesn’t appear in the NVIDIA Control Panel->Manage 3D Settings page ‘show only programs found on this computer’ list.
- ▶ nView Desktop Manager needs the same functionality as provided by the Hummingbird Exceed Virtual Desktop style window management.
- ▶ Quadro 6000: Graphics performance is slow to get up to speed after resuming from power save states.
- ▶ Quadro 2000: SolidWorks 2011—out-of-memory condition occurs when using full-scene anti-aliasing.
- ▶ Quadro 2000/4000/5000: Data errors occur when loading the LUT.
- ▶ Quadro 4000: OpenGL performance varies depending on the selected profile, with the base 3D profile producing 1 frame-per-second.]
- ▶ Quadro x500 series and earlier: Rendering problem occurs when multi-sampling is used in the windowed frame buffer and FBO.
- ▶ Quadro FX 4500: SolidEdge—the graphic area does not correctly refresh with zoom fit or zoom window.
- ▶ Quadro FX 3800: Blue-screen crash occurs when booting the VM with NVIDIA GPU pass-through on Citrix XenServer 5.6 or XenServer 5.6 FP1.
- ▶ Quadro FX 3800/1400: I-DEAS Artisan Series 4 –drawn lines are spaced or duplicated.
- ▶ Quadro FX 700: MicroStation (DirectX 11)—there is not display when running the application.

Windows Vista/Windows 7 64-bit Issues

- ▶ NVIDIA Control Panel: Menu bar "Desktop" -> "Enable video editing mode" functionality is not complete.447]
- ▶ Cinema 4D—performance improvements are requested.
- ▶ NVIDIA Control Panel: Pro E Wildfire 5—the application doesn't appear in the NVIDIA Control Panel->Manage 3D Settings page 'show only programs found on this computer' list.
- ▶ NVIDIA Control Panel: Application corruption occurs when using the 3D Video Editing application profile.
- ▶ nView Desktop Manager needs the same functionality as provided by the Hummingbird Exceed Virtual Desktop style window management.
- ▶ Quadro 6000: MotionBuilder—With PhysX enabled and V-Sync set to ON, scene motion is slower on Windows Vista/Window 7 compared to Windows XP.
- ▶ Quadro 5000: Avid Media Composer—When using OpenGL Stereo, the application switches from dual monitor to a single display.
- ▶ Quadro 5000: Omega, Exceed—with both applications open, a trailing/eraser effect occurs behind windows that are dragged across the desktop.
- ▶ Quadro 5000: SPEC APC Lightwave—poor performance.
- ▶ Quadro 2000/4000/5000: Data errors occur when loading the LUT.
- ▶ Quadro 600/2000/4000/5000/6000: iPlan—the driver uses a large amount of virtual address space, despite application optimizations to use graphics memory.
- ▶ Quadro 4000: OpenGL performance varies depending on the selected profile, with the base 3D profile producing 1 frame-per-second.]
- ▶ Quadro FX 5800: GPU affinity feature does not work.
- ▶ Quadro FX 4800: AvidFX or BorisFX—screen corruption occurs when using "3d App - Video Editing" profile after using the AvidFX plugin in MediaComposer.
- ▶ Quadro FX 4800: When multiple applications windows are swapping on V-Sync, one of the applications stalls.
- ▶ Quadro FX 3800: Blue-screen crash occurs when booting the VM with NVIDIA GPU pass-through on Citrix XenServer 5.6 or XenServer 5.6 FP1.
- ▶ Quadro FX 3700: SO CET GXP/SO CET Set—3D stereo effect is lost when panning or zooming.
- ▶ Quadro x500 series and earlier: Rendering problem occurs when multi-sampling is used in the windowed frame buffer and FBO.
- ▶ Quadro FX 3400/4400: Inventor 2011/2012—after opening a model, the application slows down and several menu items cannot be invoked.
- ▶ Quadro FX 700: MicroStation (DirectX 11)—there is not display when running the application.
- ▶ [SLI Mosaic], Dual Quadro Plex D2: Passive stereo does not work properly.

Not NVIDIA Issues

This section lists issues that are not due to the NVIDIA driver as well as features that are not meant to be supported by the NVIDIA driver for Windows Vista/Windows 7.

- ▶ “Windows Vista Considerations” on page 11
- ▶ “Windows 7 Considerations” on page 11
- ▶ “Unsupported Features” on page 12
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Windows Vista Considerations

These are behaviors that may be different from Windows XP and are related directly to the Windows Vista operating system.

- ▶ **Gamma ramps are inconsistent between single and two-headed systems.**
- ▶ **NVIDIA TurboCache**

Windows Vista now controls the allocation of system memory to the GPU for TurboCache functions. The Windows Vista Display Properties pages show the shared system memory (SSM), or how much memory is allocated for NVIDIA GPUs to use for TurboCache.

For more information on graphics memory reporting under Windows Vista, visit <http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/device/display/graphicsmemory.mspx>.

Windows 7 Considerations

Windows DWM Disabled for SLI Mosaic Mode

Due to compatibility issues, when using SLI Mosaic mode the driver turns off the Windows 7 Desktop Window Manager (DWM). As a result, DWM-managed desktop features such as Windows Aero or Windows Flip 3D will not be available.

Hotplug Action

Unlike the hotplug activity under Windows Vista, the default settings are not applied when a new display is hotplugged, and there is no message balloon alert stating that a new display was detected. Under Windows 7, all display connection and detection events are handled through the Windows 7 Connecting and Configuring Displays (CCD) mechanism.

NVIDIA Control Panel Rotate Display Page

The rotation radio button labels are changed slightly under Windows 7 to be consistent with the Microsoft panel

Table 2.1 NVIDIA Control Panel Rotation Page Radio Buttons

Clockwise Rotation	Windows 7 Label	Windows Vista Label
0 degrees	Landscape	No rotation (Landscape)
90 degrees	Portrait	90 degrees to the right (Inverted Portrait)
180 degrees	Landscape (flipped)	180 degree rotation (Inverted landscape)
270 degrees	Portrait (flipped)	90 degrees to the left (Portrait)

Limitation

- ▶ When switching the refresh rate from 59 Hz to 60Hz, the refresh rate remains at 59 Hz.
See the Microsoft KB article KB2006076 at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2006076>.

Unsupported Features

The following are features and functionality that were available in driver releases supporting Windows XP, but are not—and will not be—available in driver releases for Windows Vista:

- ▶ **High resolution scaling desktop (HRSD)**
- ▶ **MultiView Display Mode** (for NVIDIA Quadro NVS graphics cards)
- ▶ **NVKeystone**
- ▶ **Unified back buffer (UBB) controls**
- ▶ **OpenGL Video Overlays**
This is an operating system limitation.
- ▶ **Overclocking**
GPU overclocking is no longer supported in the default GPU driver control panel. This feature is available in the NVIDIA System Tools software, which you can download from NVIDIA.com.
- ▶ **GPU Temperature Monitoring**
Temperature monitoring is no longer supported in the default GPU driver control panel. This feature is available in the NVIDIA System Tools software, which you can download from NVIDIA.com.
- ▶ **AGP Settings Adjustment**

- ▶ **Video Zoom**
- ▶ **Pan & Scan** - the process of panning across the desktop in order to display a desktop on a monitor with lower resolution
- ▶ **Per-display Desktop Color Setting Adjustments**

For Clone mode, the desktop color setting adjustments through the NVIDIA Control Panel can only be made across all displays in a system, and not on a per-display basis.
- ▶ **Per-display Video Color Setting Adjustments**

For Dualview mode, the video color setting adjustments through the NVIDIA Control Panel can only be made across all displays in a system, and not on a per-display basis.
- ▶ **Edge Blending**
- ▶ **Run display optimization wizard**
- ▶ **Run multiple display wizard**
- ▶ **Run television setup wizard**
- ▶ **nView Horizontal and Vertical Span Modes**

Due to architectural changes in the new Windows Vista Window Display Driver Model (WDDM), span mode is available only with NVIDIA Mosaic Technology.
- ▶ **Display/Connection Wizard** (such as was provided with Windows Media Center Edition)
- ▶ **DVD/MPEG Extensions** (such as was provided with Windows Media Center Edition)
- ▶ **Audio Extensions** (such as was provided with Windows Media Center Edition)

OpenGL Application Issues

The following are known compatibility issues for OpenGL applications developed under Windows XP:

- ▶ Mixed GDI and OpenGL rendering does not work.
 - A number of applications use GDI to render UI components and object highlighting. This is not supported in the Windows Vista driver model.
 - NVIDIA recommends converting GDI rendering to OpenGL.
 - The following are some applications that are known to have this issue:
 - Maya 7.01
- ▶ Applications, Tools, and Benchmarks not Supported Under Windows Vista
 - GLperf
 - 3ds max 8 (later releases may be supported)
 - CATIA V5R15 (V5R16 is supported)
 - PTC's CDRS 2001
- ▶ Front buffered rendering may be slow, especially when DWM is enabled.
 - Flushing the rendering queue while rendering to the front buffer may cause the window manager to recomposite. Applications should therefore minimize the frequency with which they flush the rendering queue.

Application Issues

- ▶ Softimage–The application crashes when thumbing the CgFX scene model while in wireframe display mode.
- ▶ Solidworks 2009–Application profile is not shown in the NVIDIA Control Panel when SolidWorks 2009 is installed.
 - This is an issue with the application shortcut.*
- ▶ ArchiCAD–the driver crashes when navigating 3D shadows.
- ▶ ArchiCAD12–OpenGL speed is half as fast on Windows Vista than on Windows XP.
- ▶ Quadro 3700/1800: Maya–the viewport flashes when summoning ribbons tooltips.
- ▶ Quadro FX 3700/4600/5600: MediaComposer–polygons are drawn in the wrong color after disabling shaders.
- ▶ Quadro FX 3500: After Effects (OpenGL always on)–the application crashes when previewing or scrubbing properties to create Depth of Field blur
- ▶ Quadro FX 1700: Autodesk Inventor 2010–antialiasing does not work.
 - The application does not support NVIDIA Control Panel antialiasing.*
- ▶ Quadro FX 1700: 3dsMax2011–when panning an external application window over the viewport, artifacts appear on the time line.

- ▶ Quadro FX 1700: 3ds max–fuzzy black shading appears on object faces at certain camera angles and orientation.
- ▶ Quadro FX 1700: SolidWorks 09–large areas of the screen do not refresh.
- ▶ Quadro FX 1400: AutoDesk Inventor 2009 SP1–the application crashes.
- ▶ Quadro FX 4500/3500: Maya–cpvTransparencyTest no longer renders properly with Cg2.0+.

Other Issues

- ▶ Quadro FX 4600/1800/580: Upon rebooting the system after installing the driver, the driver fails to load.
- ▶ All older drivers from other vendors must be uninstalled first.
- ▶ The Windows Vista display mode switches from Aeroglass to Basic when a quad-buffer for stereo is created.
- ▶ Quad-buffered windowed stereo is only supported with Aeroglass turned off.
- ▶ The NVIDIA Control Panel->Set Up Multiple Displays page does not provide the capability of setting the dual monitor order under Windows Vista as it does under Windows XP.

This capability is provided through the Windows Vista Display Properties Settings page.

Known Product Limitations

This section describes problems that will not be fixed. Usually, the source of the problem is beyond the control of NVIDIA. Following is the list of problems and where they are discussed in this document:

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Once Installed, the SDI Capture Driver Release Must Always Match the Graphics Driver

To use the Quadro SDI Capture card, you need to install the NVIDIA WDM driver for the Quadro SDI Capture card after installing the Quadro professional driver. The WDM driver version must be from the same branch as the installed NVIDIA graphics driver.

If at a later time you install a different Quadro professional driver version—for example, when upgrading from a Release 260 driver to a Release 265 driver—you must reinstall the WDM driver from the same driver branch as well—in this example, Release 265.

You must install the updated WDM driver even if remove the SDI Capture card and uninstall the WDM driver. Portions of the old WDM driver remain on the system, and the resulting mismatch with the updated graphics driver results in a faulty driver installation. Installing a matching WDM driver corrects this issue.

Some APIs do not Report Total Available Graphics Memory Correctly

Background-TAG Memory

In the Windows Display Driver Model (WDDM), Total Available Graphics (TAG) memory is reported as the sum of

- Dedicated Video Memory (video memory dedicated for graphics use)
- Dedicated System Memory (system memory dedicated for graphics use), and
- Shared System Memory (system memory shared between the graphics subsystem and the CPU).

The values for each of these components are computed according to WDDM guidelines when the NVIDIA Display Driver is loaded.

Issue

NVIDIA has found that some TAG-reporting APIs represent video memory using 32-bits instead of 64-bits, and consequently do not properly report available graphics memory when the TAG would otherwise exceed 4 gigabytes (GB). This results in under reporting of available memory and potentially undesirable behavior of applications that rely on these APIs to report available memory.

The reported memory can be severely reduced. For example, 6 GB might be reported as 454 MB, and 8 GB might be reported as 1259 MB.

NVIDIA Action for non-Quadro based Systems

Recent NVIDIA display drivers constrain TAG memory to just below 4 GB¹. In these scenarios, the Shared System Memory component of TAG is limited first, before limiting Dedicated Video Memory. This is a policy decision within the driver.

This results in reliable reporting of sub-4 GB TAG memory.

NVIDIA Action for Quadro-based Systems

The unfortunate side effect of constraining TAG on systems with larger amounts of video and system memory is that memory which otherwise would be available for graphics use is no longer available. Since shared system memory is limited first, driver components and algorithms utilizing shared system memory may suffer performance degradation when TAG is constrained.

1. The WDDM guidelines dictate minimum and maximum values for the components, but the display driver may further constrain the values that are reported (within the allowed minimum and maximum).

Since this and similar scenarios are prevalent in many Workstation applications, but less so in more mainstream Consumer applications, the NVIDIA driver now avoids constraining TAG on Quadro-based systems (which are used primarily in the Workstation applications).

This has been a conscious decision by NVIDIA to trade off better Workstation application performance for potentially less desirable performance on applications which rely on the suspect memory reporting APIs.

Using HDMI/DisplayPort Audio with Displays that have a High Native Resolution

To use HDMI/DisplayPort audio with some displays that have a native resolution higher than 1920x1080, you must set the display to a lower HD resolution.

Some HDMI TV's have a native resolution that exceeds the maximum supported HD mode. For example, TVs with a native resolution of 1920x1200 exceed the maximum supported HD mode of 1920x1080.

Applying this native mode results in display overscan which cannot be resized using the NVIDIA Control Panel since the mode is not an HD mode.

To avoid this situation and provide a better user experience, the driver treats certain TVs—such as the Viewsonic VX2835wm and the Westinghouse LVM- 37w3—as a DVI monitor when applying the native mode. Because the driver does not treat the TV as an HDMI in this case, the HDMI audio is not used.

Using HDMI/DisplayPort Displays that do not Support Audio

Some HDMI/DisplayPort displays do not support audio, or have issues with Quadro FX family and earlier NVIDIA graphics cards.

The NVIDIA driver attempts to identify such displays and automatically disables the audio. For example, the NVIDIA driver disables HDMI audio for all Philips HDMI TVs, as these have been identified as having issues with Quadro FX family and earlier NVIDIA graphics cards.

There may be cases where either the driver disables audio even though there is no problem, or does not disable the audio when in fact the audio does not work. The following sections describe these situations and provides guidance for handling them.

Corrupted video and no audio

The driver has not disabled audio and the display's audio signal is incompatible with the graphics card, causing video corruption.

With a different display connected in order to establish video, disable audio for the HDMI display using the NVIDIA Control Panel-> Change Resolution page. From the connector list, select **HDMI-HDTV (Audio Disabled)**.

Video but no audio

- ▶ Check the connector list on the NVIDIA Control Panel->Change Resolution page.
- ▶ If **HDMI-HDTV (Audio Disabled)** is selected and you want to test whether your HDMI audio does, in fact, work, then select **HDMI-HDTV (Audio Enabled)** and the driver will prompt you with instructions for testing HDMI audio with the display.
- ▶ If **HDMI-HDTV (Audio Enabled)** is selected, then the driver has not successfully detected that an incompatible display is connected.

Future driver versions will properly identify such displays and disable audio.

- ▶ If there is no HDMI connector option in the NVIDIA Control Panel->Change Resolution page, the display does not support audio and has properly reported this to the NVIDIA driver.

Using HDMI/DisplayPort Audio in Dualview or Clone Mode Configurations

Two Audio-enabled Ports

In a multi-display configuration where both HDMI/DisplayPort audio ports are enabled, only the primary display will provide the audio.

One Audio-enabled Port

In a multi-display configuration where only one audio port is enabled, such as when one display is a DVI display, then the HDMI/DisplayPort display can provide the audio whether is it the primary or secondary display.

GPU Runs at a High Performance Level (full clock speeds) in Multi-display Modes

This is a hardware limitation and not a software bug. Even when no 3D programs are running, the driver will operate the GPU at a high performance level in order to efficiently drive multiple displays. In the case of SLI or multi-GPU PCs, the second GPU will always operate with full clock speeds; again, in order to efficiently drive multiple displays. Today, all hardware from all GPU vendors have this limitation.

Aero Must be Enabled for Windowed SLI AFR Mode Under Vista

Windows 7 Aero must be enabled in order to achieve SLI acceleration using windowed AFR mode.

SLI Connector Requirement on NVIDIA Quadro SLI Cards

The SLI connector that links two SLI cards is needed for proper SLI operation. However, the connector can be removed if you do not intend to enable SLI mode. If you remove the connector, then you must make sure that SLI mode is disabled from the NVIDIA control panel. Enabling SLI mode without the SLI connector installed will result in video corruption.

Applying Workstation Application Profiles

► Background

The workstation application profiles are software settings used by the NVIDIA Display Drivers to provide optimum performance when using a selected application. The profile also works around known application issues and bugs.

If there is an available setting for an application, it should be used, otherwise incorrect behavior or reduced performance is likely to occur.

► Issues

Configuration changes require that you restart the application.

Once an application is running, it does not receive notification of configuration changes. Therefore, if you change the configuration while the application is running, you must exit and restart the application for the configuration changes to take effect.

1280x1024 @ 60 Hz not Available on BenQ FP241W Monitors

Even though the monitor EDID lists 1280x1024 @ 60 Hz, the screen turns blank when using an HDMI connection. This is an issue with the monitor and not the NVIDIA driver.

Because of this issue with the monitor, the NVIDIA driver blocks the problem mode (1280x1024 @ 60 Hz) and makes it unavailable.

Gigabyte GA-6BX Motherboard

This motherboard uses a Linfinity regulator on the 3.3-V rail that is rated to only 5 A—less than the AGP specification, which requires 6 A. When diagnostics or applications are running, the temperature of the regulator rises, causing the voltage to the NVIDIA chip to drop as low as 2.2 V. Under these circumstances, the regulator cannot supply the current on the 3.3-V rail that the NVIDIA chip requires.

This problem does not occur when the graphics board has a switching regulator or when an external power supply is connected to the 3.3-V rail.

03 THE RELEASE 270 DRIVER

This chapter covers the following main topics:

- ▶ “Hardware and Software Support” on page 22
- ▶ “Driver Installation” on page 27

Hardware and Software Support

Supported Operating Systems

The Release 270 driver, version 270.61, has been tested with

- ▶ Microsoft Windows® 7, and supports both 32-bit and 64-bit versions.
- ▶ Microsoft Windows® Vista, and supports both 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows Vista Editions:
 - Windows Vista Home Basic
 - Windows Vista Home Premium
 - Windows Vista Business
 - Windows Vista Enterprise Edition
 - Windows Vista Ultimate

Supported NVIDIA Products

The following tables list the NVIDIA products supported by the Release 270 driver, version 270.61

Table 3.1 Supported NVIDIA Quadro & NVS Products

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Quadro 6000	
NVIDIA Quadro 5000	
NVIDIA Quadro 4000	
NVIDIA Quadro 2000D	
NVIDIA Quadro 2000	
NVIDIA Quadro 600	
NVIDIA Quadro 400	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 5800	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 5600	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 5500	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4800	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4700 X2	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4600	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4500 X2	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4500	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4400	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4400G	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4000	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 3800	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 3700	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 3500	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 3450	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 3400	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 1800	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 1700	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 1500	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 1400	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 580	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 570	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 560	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 550	

Table 3.1 Supported NVIDIA Quadro & NVS Products (continued)

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Quadro FX 540	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 470	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 380	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 380 LP (low profile)	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 370	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 370 low profile	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 350	
NVIDIA Quadro VX 200	
NVIDIA Quadro CX	
NVIDIA NVS 300	
NVIDIA Quadro NVS 450	
NVIDIA Quadro NVS 440	
NVIDIA Quadro NVS 420	
NVIDIA Quadro NVS 295	
NVIDIA Quadro NVS 290	
NVIDIA Quadro NVS 285	

Table 3.2 Supported NVIDIA Quadro G-Sync Products

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Quadro FX 5500	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4500 X2	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4500	

Table 3.3 Supported NVIDIA Quadro G-Sync II Products

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Quadro 6000	
NVIDIA Quadro 5000	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 5800	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4800	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 5600	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4600	

Table 3.4 Supported NVIDIA Quadro SDI Products

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Quadro 6000 SDI	

Table 3.4 Supported NVIDIA Quadro SDI Products (continued)

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Quadro 5000 SDI	
NVIDIA Quadro 4000 SDI	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 5800 SDI	
NVIDIA Quadro CX SDI	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 5600 SDI	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4800 SDI	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4600 SDI	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 3800 SDI	

Table 3.5 Supported NVIDIA Quadro Plex Products

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Quadro Plex 7000	
NVIDIA Quadro Plex D Series	
NVIDIA Quadro Plex Model II	
NVIDIA Quadro Plex Model IV	

Table 3.6 Supported NVIDIA Quadro Blade/Embedded Graphics Board Series

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Quadro FX 3600M	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 2800M	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 1600M	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 880M	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 770M	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 560M	
NVIDIA Quadro FX 370M	
NVIDIA Quadro NVS 120M	

Table 3.7 Supported NVIDIA Tesla Products

Product	Notes
NVIDIA Tesla M2070Q	

Supported Languages

The Release 270 Graphics Drivers supports the following languages in the main driver Control Panel:

English (USA)	German	Portuguese (Euro/ Iberian)
English (UK)	Greek	Russian
Arabic	Hebrew	Slovak
Chinese (Simplified)	Hungarian	Slovenian
Chinese (Traditional)	Italian	Spanish
Czech	Japanese	Spanish (Latin America)
Danish	Korean	Swedish
Dutch	Norwegian	Thai
Finnish	Polish	Turkish
French	Portuguese (Brazil)	

Driver Installation

Minimum Hard Disk Space

The hard disk space requirement for 32-bit is minimum 150 MB for English-only, and 185 MB for International.

The hard disk space requirement for 64-bit is minimum 185 MB for English-only, and 230 MB for International.

Before You Begin

► NVIDIA nTune

If you have previously installed NVIDIA nTune, NVIDIA recommends that you uninstall nTune before installing this driver. After the driver install is complete, you can reinstall NVIDIA nTune.

► SLI Mosaic Mode

You must make sure SLI Mosaic mode is disabled before installing a new driver over a previously installed driver. If SLI Mosaic mode is active on your displays when you install the new driver, the driver will not install properly.

Installation Instructions

- 1 Follow the instructions on the NVIDIA .com Web site driver download page to locate the appropriate driver to download, based on your hardware and operating system.
- 2 Click the driver download link.
The license agreement dialog box appears.
- 3 Click **Accept** if you accept the terms of the agreement, then either open the file or save the file to your PC and open it later.
- 4 Open the NVIDIA driver installation .EXE file to launch the NVIDIA InstallShield Wizard.
- 5 Follow the instructions in the NVIDIA InstallShield Wizard to complete the installation.



Note: If you are overinstalling the driver (installing over a previous driver without first removing the previous driver), then you must reboot your computer in order to complete the installation.

APPENDIX A MODE SUPPORT FOR WINDOWS

This chapter details the Windows modes supported by the Release 270 driver for NVIDIA products. It contains these sections:

- ▶ “General Mode Support Information” on page 29
- ▶ “Default Modes Supported by GPU” on page 30
- ▶ “Modes Supported by TV Encoders” on page 33

General Mode Support Information

The NVIDIA graphics driver includes a standard list of display modes that are supported by default. These modes are listed in the section “[Default Modes Supported by GPU](#)” on page 30.

The actual modes available depend on the capabilities of the display. In addition, the NVIDIA graphics driver has a “dynamic EDID detection” capability and will make available *additional* modes that are listed in the display EDID, provided the graphics hardware can support it.

The NVIDIA graphics driver also supports the high resolutions available with the displays listed in [Table A.1](#) as well as the non-standard modes listed in [Table A.2](#).

Table A.1 Modes Supported for High Resolution Displays

Display	Maximum Resolution
Apple 30” Cinema HD Display (Dual link DVI)	2560x1600 @ 60 Hz
Dell WFP 3007 (Dual Link DVI)	2560x1600 @ 60 Hz
HP LP3065 dual-link DVI flat panel	2560x1600 @ 60Hz.

Table A.2 Non-standard Modes Supported

Resolution		
1680 x 1050		
1366 x 768		

Default Modes Supported by GPU

This section lists the modes that are included by default in the driver INF for the following product families:

- ▶ “Quadro & NVS GPUs” on page 31

Understanding the Mode Format

Figure A.1 gives an example of how to read the mode information presented in this section.

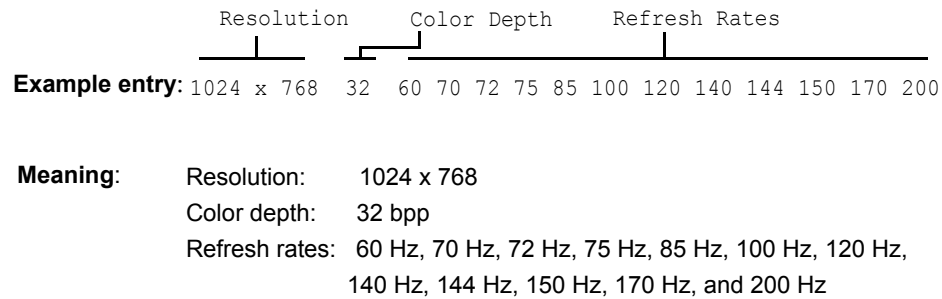


Figure A.1 Mode Format

Note:

- Horizontal spanning modes of 3840x1080 and above, and vertical spanning modes of 1920x2160 and above generally require at least 32 MB of video memory at 32 bpp.
- An “i” next to the refresh rate indicates an interlaced refresh rate.

Quadro & NVS GPUs

This sections lists the supported display resolutions, color depths, and refresh rates for the products listed in “Supported NVIDIA Products” on page 23.

Standard Modes

640 x 480	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
720 x 480	8	60
720 x 576	8	50
800 x 600	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1024 x 768	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1152 x 864	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200
1280 x 720	8	60
1280 x 768	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 800	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 960	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 1024	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1360 x 768	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1600 x 900	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150
1600 x 1024	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1600 x 1200	8	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1680 x 1050	8	60
1920 x 1080	8	60
1920 x 1200	8	60 70 72 75 85 100
1920 x 1440	8	60 70 72 75 85
2048 x 1536	8	60

640 x 480	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
720 x 480	16	60
720 x 576	16	50
800 x 600	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1024 x 768	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1152 x 864	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200
1280 x 720	16	60
1280 x 768	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 800	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 960	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 1024	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1360 x 768	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1600 x 900	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150
1600 x 1024	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1600 x 1200	16	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1680 x 1050	16	60
1920 x 1080	16	60
1920 x 1200	16	60 70 72 75 85 100

1920 x 1440	16	60 70 72 75 85
2048 x 1536	16	60

640 x 480	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
720 x 480	32	60
720 x 576	32	50
800 x 600	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1024 x 768	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200 240
1152 x 864	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170 200
1280 x 720	32	60
1280 x 768	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 800	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 960	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1280 x 1024	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1360 x 768	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150 170
1600 x 900	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120 140 144 150
1600 x 1024	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1600 x 1200	32	60 70 72 75 85 100 120
1680 x 1050	32	60
1920 x 1080	32	60
1920 x 1200	32	60 70 72 75 85 100
1920 x 1440	32	60 70 72 75 85
2048 x 1536	32	60

Modes Supported by TV Encoders

Table A.3 and Table A.4 list the NTSC, PAL, and HDTV TV-Out modes supported by the NVIDIA driver.

Table A.3 Mode Support for S-Video and Composite Out

Resolution	Bit depth	Comments
320x200	8, 16, 32	DirectDraw mode; not selectable as a Windows desktop
320x240	8, 16, 32	DirectDraw mode; not selectable as a Windows desktop
640x400	8, 16, 32	DirectDraw mode; not selectable as a Windows desktop
640x480	8, 16, 32	
720x480	8, 16, 32	Overscans (for video)
720x576	8, 16, 32	Overscans (for video)
800x600	8, 16, 32	
1024x768	8, 16, 32	Conexant 25871 only

Table A.4 Mode Support for Component YPrPb Out and DVI Out

Resolution	Comments
480i (SDTV)	Supported on graphics boards with Conexant 875 or Philips 7108 TV encoders and compatible connectors, and compatible GeForce 8 Series and later GPUs.
480p (EDTV)	
720p (HDTV)	
1080i (HDTV)	
576i (PAL)	
576p (PAL)	

The driver supports manual overscan correction for component and DVI outputs. See the online NVIDIA Control Panel Help for instructions on how to use the overscan correction features.

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