Subject: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by knockover on Wed, 16 Feb 2005 22:47:34 GMT
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i was wondering if there was anything i could do to get a better FPS rate out of my computer. i've got a lap top that has: 1.8GHz Celeron CPU, OS is XP Home add w/ service pack 2. i've got 256 MB of ram (dont know what kind), the grafics card is a intel(R) 82852/82855 GM/GME Graphicss Controller and i've got my moniturs refresh rate at 60hz. thats the only option it gives.
i dont konw how to overclock my CPU or if its possible to overclock the grafics card. in a 24 person server i get about 15-17 average FPS when full. and about 10-12 on anything over that. i dont even try to go into anything over 32 players in it. i know what i need is a new computer but at this time its not an option. i could probibly get some more ram but thats about it. thanks in advanced for any help.

Subject: Re: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by ghostSWT on Wed, 16 Feb 2005 23:10:55 GMT
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droping game resolution helps so does droping the detail.

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Posted by IRON FART on Wed, 16 Feb 2005 23:30:32 GMT
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I'm thinking that graphics card is an onboard one? Stats on it?

Check up on the RAM. If you are using more than 256MB, that could be a cause of a slow FPS. Its not uncommon to go that high. Look in the task manager and check is periodically.

I've heard that the Celeron is not good for gaming. No experience with it myself though.

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Posted by knockover on Wed, 16 Feb 2005 23:30:57 GMT
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they are all at the lowest setting possible.

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Posted by Ripintou on Wed, 16 Feb 2005 23:36:14 GMT
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If available try this -

60hz is a slow frequency go here - Start/Control Panel/Display/Settings/Advanced/Adapter/List All Modes

Keep whatever resolution you have but scroll to a higher frequency for example: 1280 x 768, True Color,(32 bit) 75hz. This will give you a better frame rate and hopefully get rid of some of the flicker. What ever resolution you desire just choose the higher frequency.

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Posted by knockover on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 00:04:10 GMT
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this is what i got from the gateway site about my computer. i'm not very handy with a computer and i dont know how to check the specs of my grafics card. i heard that opening the game into a smaller window instead of the full screen helps. does it?

Processor
Intel Celeron M, 1800 MHz
400MHz external bus

 BIOS
Gateway 38.00.35 03/12/2003

Memory
Upgrade
256MB physical
90% free resources
2 memory slots, 1 free (256+0)

Video
Upgrade
Graphics Adapter: Intel(R) 82852/82855 GM/GME Graphics Controller-0
Screen Area/Colors: 1024x768 pixels, 16 million colors
Monitor: Default Monitor
Monitor: Digital Flat Panel (1024x768)

Drives
Upgrade
C:\ (NTFS) 28615MB total, 12902MB free
D:\ CD-ROM/CD-RW or DVD Drive
E:\ Removable
F:\ Removable

Network and Modem
Upgrade
(net) Intel Intel PRO/100 VE Network Connection
(net) Microsoft Direct Parallel
(modem) GTW GTW V.92 Voicemodem

Operating System
Upgrade
Windows XP SP2 (Windows XP 5.1.2600 Service Pack 2)
Original setup date: 3/3/2003
DirectX Version: 5.03.2600.2180 (xpsp_sp2_rtm.040803-2158)
SWAP FILE DISABLED
File cache managed by Windows

Browser

Proxy: No proxy set
HTTP level: direct 1.1, proxy 1.0
Scripting version: 5.6.0.8820

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Affirmative & confirmed after reading the above......

 - UPGRADE

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Posted by knockover on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 00:12:13 GMT
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thats what i thought. i better go get a BIG piggy bank.

And thanks for the help.

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Posted by Vitaminous on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 00:44:15 GMT
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... Just... Learn how to shop properly.

Subject: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by 2000_years on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 01:00:04 GMT
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hmm i dunno, Ren should be fine at 800*600 on low on those specs, even with an onboard graphics chip.

Are you sure you've got power management setup properly? in Control panel / Power Management, check to see if it's not lowering the CPU speed to save battery (stupidly sometimes it lowers it by default while on mains, too)

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Posted by Opalkilla on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 01:55:40 GMT
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Posted by icedog90 on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 02:19:32 GMT
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In my early days I used to play Renegade with my oold custom built computer that had:

 500mhz Celeron (96mhz FSB!!!)

64mb SDRAM

16mb Riva TNT2 Pro

8GB Hard Drive

W00T!!! Yep, 10 FPS it was.

Then later on it got upgraded with a 500mhz Pentium III (Thank god), 512mb SDRAM, and the same video card and hard drive. That got me about 25 FPS in Renegade. lol, 25 FPS seemed to be really fast. Now, with my up-to-date computer, I can score about 70 FPS in Renegade on average and reach 100 FPS sometimes.

Subject: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by knockover on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 02:52:07 GMT
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so no ideas of how i could get better perfomance with what i got?

Subject: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by IRON FART on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 03:04:21 GMT
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There are some software tweaks such as turning off Vertical Sync, and a few others, but they won't get you too far. Believe me, I've tried them ALL.

I'd suggest to upgrade your comp a bit, but its a laptop so upgrades are limited. You could probably get an extra stick of RAM in there. I doubt you could do much more though.

Subject: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by Vitaminous on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 04:21:04 GMT
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A BIT? LOL.

IRON-FART, upgrades are only limited in size, technically he could nearly replace everything he's got in there with better equipement.

Only issues could be heat, space, and power, I believe.

Subject: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by IRON FART on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 06:56:47 GMT
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With those limitations...He can only upgrade a bit, like I said.

Space is the main problem. Things are so packed in on laptops that usually there is little to no space left for upgrades. Sometimes theres room for an extra stick of RAM, but usually nothing more.

And he did want to know what he could do with what he already has.

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Posted by Weirdo on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 07:07:30 GMT
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Just a tip before upgrading:

I think there are some settings with the CPU with at what speed it should be running. (I'm not talking about over clocking here) When The laptop is not directly plugged in to some electricity source, on some systems windows automaticly makes the CPU run slower to spare some energy.

Maybe you should look in your windows settings for any power setting that has to do with this. I'm

not experienced with Windows laptops, but this is my guess. Good luck.

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Posted by Buavey on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 12:02:53 GMT
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It has to do with your refresh rate. If you video card is running at 60hz, your FPS won't get higher. I don't know if you can change the Refresh rate in the game. But to be honest, It doesn't really matter if you go higher then 60.

Subject: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by nastym4n on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 16:11:53 GMT
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Buavey: right click on your desktop, go to properties, then the settings tab, the hit advanced. Root around in here until you find an option with the words "VERTICAL SYNC" in it. make sure it is switched to off. Congratulations you just took the frame cap off.

Those are bad examples.

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One way to improve FPS in ANY game without even noticing any difference in detail is changing your image quality to "quality" instead of "high quality".

Subject: SLOOOOOW FPS rate.
Posted by JPNOD on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 20:56:49 GMT
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First of all, Laptops arent realy made for gaming.
Then the Celeron isnt realy a game processor.
If its a Celeron D with 256 cache, and 533 bus u should be ok.
But it isnt so..
Onboard graphics arent realy for gaming, even thoug i know someone whos still getting over 24 fps with a geforcemx onboard and a GOOD processor.
This game depends on cpu mostly.

16 - bit ore 32 bit definitly counts for a card like this, Unless ure running over a ti 4200 i realy THink swithing to 16 bit matters.

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http://www.pagehosting.co.uk/rf/download.html

That will solve your problem right there

Find out what the maximum refresh rate for your monitor is first though.

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ok. My only minor problem with that statement is that i got an extra 30 - 40 fps using windowed mode.
I always have vysnc set to off in my advanced options, so vsync should have been off for both full screen and windowed mode.
Where did the extra 30 - 40 fps come from?

Im not trying to be clever here im really interested to know what ive missed.

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Posted by knockover on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 14:00:33 GMT
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how do i open renegade into WINDOWED MODE? and turn off Vsync. i've tried doing seaches but came up with nothing.

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Posted by nastym4n on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 16:17:10 GMT
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assuming you have done a normal install onto a windows system:

Go to start, programs, westwood, Renegade Config.

you can alter all your settings with this program that comes with the game.

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WOW. from what you guys have helped me with i've gotten a lot better FPS out of my fossil. i now get an average of 12-14 FPS on a full 48 person server. thats the same as i was getting on a game with about 25 people on it. i'm in the 30s with a 24 player server now. what helped the most i think was i downloaded and updated driver for my grafics card. i also i turned down all the settings and got it into the smallest widow i could. THANKS A LOT TO ALL THAT HELPED!!!