

Re: MPlayer broken under 2.6.15-rc7-rt1?

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On Sun, Jan 01, 2006 at 11:51:21AM +0200, Bradley Reed wrote:

> On Sun, 01 Jan 2006 10:14:21 +0100

> Arjan van de Ven <arjan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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>> On Sat, 2005-12-31 at 20:29 +0200, Bradley Reed wrote:

>>> I have tried MPlayer versions 1.0pre6, 1.0pre7, and cvs from today

>>> and they all work fine under 2.6.14 and 2.6.14-rt21/22.

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>>> I booted into 2.6.15-rc7-rt1 and the same MPlayer binaries segfault

>>> on every video I try and play. Yes, I have nvidia modules loaded,

>>> so won't get much help, but thought someone might like to know.

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>> you know, you could have done a little bit more effort and reproduced

>> this without the binary crud... it's not that hard you know and it

>> shows that you actually care about the problem enough that you want

>> to make it worthwhile for people to look into it.

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> And you could have saved the time and effort of replying, as you had

> nothing useful to say. Why do you expect kernel users (non-developers)

> to jump through hoops and cripple their systems in order to provide bug

> reports? Exactly how could I have tested MPlayer realistically without

> Xv support? It isn't that easy to swap video cards in a laptop.

>...

MPlayer has more than enough output drivers including some that work without the nvidia module.

If your problem was an RTC one, it might have even trigger using the AAlib output driver.

> DO YOU REALLY PREFER USERS NOT REPORT BUGS?

There are many new bug reports every day and too few developers with too few spare time to go through all of them.

A binary-only module can do anything even at module load time, and noone except people with access to the source code can debug such

problems.

Many developers know how it feels if after spending hours on debugging a problem someone reported it turned out "oh, it goes away if I remove the nvidia/vmware/... module".

It usually takes two parties to get a bug found:

A developer willing to look into it and a user willing to provide any assistance for the developer.

The latter might include 10 reboots with different kernel patches applied, and compared to that it's not a big issue to boot in these cases without binary-only modules ever loaded. Your system might be crippled, but only for the time you are helping the developer to identify your problem.

> Brad

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Adrian

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"Is there not promise of rain?" Ling Tan asked suddenly out of the darkness. There had been need of rain for many days.

"Only a promise," Lao Er said.

Pearl S. Buck – Dragon Seed

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