

# Re: Nvidia comment

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Happy New Year,

I couldn't boot into graphical mode in SuSE Linux 9.3 x86\_64 with nvidia after a kernel upgrade, either.

Yes, the installer insists that the driver is installed. You have to recompile the module again.

It is called something.run and is saved under /usr/share/doc/nvidia. Sorry, but I don't remember the actual name. Execute it with ./(name of package) as root, , ask it to reinstall the driver, and it will be ok. Worked for me.

If it is not under /usr/share/doc/nvidia, then rerun the Yast update, and ask it not to remove the packages after the update.

By the way, the nVidia card is brand new, by Albatron, the 6600 256 model. I bought it after unsuccessfully and repeatedly trying to install the 3d proprietary ATI driver for my 9600 radeon card. NOOOO success to that!!! the installer:

- kept asking me questions I thought I shouldn't have to answer (most users don't want to, anyway),
- wanted to install a new xorg.conf file (why? nvidia never had to do that and no problems occurred whatsoever in their installations),
- messed up the font sizes and, in the end,
- didn't install any 3d support!!! Thank god for backups!!

Somebody should tell the ATI people to correct (?) the driver installation procedures. It is a shame to lose customers like that!!

Sorry about the long post

Regards,

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"Michael" <[no-spam@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:no-spam@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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> Hi everyone and Happy New Year :~)

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> I was just reading comments on this newsgroup and thought I'd add a  
> comment  
> regarding a recurrent problem/hassle for some users with Nvidia cards.  
> The  
> day before yesterday I updated my WINE rpm to the newest version (0.94)  
> and  
> added some new fonts I got from a link at the Scribus web site (Gentium  
> fonts) using the Control Center. Also updated Gimp to 2.3.6 and added  
> some  
> plugins (Shadow recovery and particle deposition) from source. Just a  
> typical day. I then used the Gentium fonts in a page layout in Scribus  
> and  
> saved the document in PDF format with a layer effect. This worked as I  
> would expect. Also, the Gimp plugins I mentioned worked as well. Gimp  
> rocks & with 347 plugins it really rocks !!! So I thought everything was  
> just fine...  
>  
> Then I shut down for the day. Yesterday I rebooted and I wasn't paying  
> particular attention to the bootup process. I did not boot in to the  
> usual  
> runlevel 5 with graphical login however. When I tried 'startx' I got a  
> warning....I forget exactly what it said. Being an experienced user I did  
> not really worry about it as I can pretty much recover from just about  
> anything nowadays !! So I rebooted and played close attention. I saw  
> that  
> the Nvidia splash screen did not appear (as I suspected) and knew this was  
> the problem. So I changed to runlevel 3 and ran Yast online update to  
> reinstall the Nvidia driver. Yast said that the driver was already  
> installed. I rebooted and same thing happened. In fact I did that 3 or 4  
> times to no avail. So I decided to run Sax2 and just use the somewhat  
> usable xorg driver/settings to allow me to log onto my kdesktop and use  
> konqueror to browse the SuSE Nvidia How-To for anything that I might have  
> forgotten. I noticed that the How-To says to run Sax2 from a console  
> using  
> the ' sax2 -m 0=nvidia ' command and so I did that. This apparently is  
> what I needed to do to get the driver working properly !!! I never did  
> that before so I will remember that next time the Nvidia driver fails to  
> load at startup.  
>  
> Now I am just wondering WHY this situation happens occasionally in the  
> first  
> place ??? I don't understand why a stable installation should change the  
> graphics card/driver setup unless either a kernel upgrade or graphics  
> driver or something else to do with the graphics subsystem (xorg.conf)  
> took  
> place. I know that we see this happen fairly frequently in this newsgroup  
> so it is something that is not arbitrary.  
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> I love SuSE and I have been using it for about 5 years now. I have  
> learned

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> so much from reading nearly every post to this newsgroup and I try to help  
> others whenever I have confidence that I have helpful input. Of course we  
> all know about proprietary drivers and private companies working with, or  
> lack thereof, the FOSS community. I am NOT putting down Nvidia here or  
> complaining about SuSE !!! I respect Nvidia and I think they produce high  
> quality products. Of course it would be preferable for them to provide  
> open source drivers but I am not going to hold my breath. I just wish  
> there product would behave nicely with my OS of choice....  
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> P.S. I hope that the Tech Source's free–software–friendly graphics  
> products  
> become a reality. A product designed specifically for FOSS such as there  
> graphics card would be most welcome !!  
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> Just my ramblings for the start of this new year...  
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> And again, I wish everybody a happy and healthy new year !!  
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> :~)  
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> Michael Soibelman

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• **References:**

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