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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sun, 23 Apr 2006 03:24:42 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sun, 23 Apr 2006 05:01:55 GMT

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Doesn't work either. I've got the two monitors I'm using with my SX rig on  
A/B switches with the G450 ports on my Paris rig. Those work fine and when  
switched to the Paris rig, the LED indicators on the monitors brighten  
considerably. they just glow low, dull and dormant on the Cubase rig. I  
really think the mobo is totally hosed. Unbelievable.....completely  
unbelievable.

I got this mobo and the Matrox P750 dirt cheap. I'm not whining about the \$\$  
if this mobo is fried and I can probably sell the P750 for more than I paid  
for it so I'm not really bitching too much.....it's more like this  
coctail of drivers has piqued my curiosity. I've never put something  
together that was more troublesome in my whole life so I'm intrigued.

I'll tell you what I discovered prior to this fiasco, because it is very  
interesting. The P750 really does have some cool features, but it does not  
play nicely with my Magma/UAD-1 cards. When I run the card at low resolution

and just use dual monitors, it's fine. when I bump the resolution in order to use 3 screens (something that is necessary) the P750 goes to war with the UAD-1 cards, even though there are no IRQ conflicts. Since the UAD cards are basically PCI video cards, I'm really wondering if there might be some major bandwidth overlap somewhere. Once I got that somewhat stabilized by tweaking the monitor rez, I added an RME Multiface PCI to the Magma. At that point all hell broke loose and I got a blue screen. None of this stuff ever happened when using my G450. For all the negative press the G450 gets when used with the newer mobo's/chipsets, it's surprisingly stable.....especially compared to this whizbang P750.

My goal is to get 3 x RME PCI cards and 4 x UAD-1 cards/Magma and dual core CPU in a stable configuration. I intend to succeed at this. It may take a while, but I'm not going to give up.

I'll tell you what though.....this P750 may go by the boards. All it has done is dole out some major grief.....at least with this mobo/chipset and hardware configuration. It's got some major ugly all over it as far as drivers go.

Stay tuned.

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sun, 23 Apr 2006 07:54:27 GMT

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Sounds like you scrambled your BIOS dude. Is this mobo dual bios capable? Do you have a PCI video card to try to suss out the issues on, then go back to AGP?

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Posted by [jef knight\[1\]](#) on Sun, 23 Apr 2006 13:58:02 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Mon, 24 Apr 2006 15:51:18 GMT

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> > ;o)

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> > "Chris Ludwig" <[chrisl@adkproaudio.com](mailto:chrisl@adkproaudio.com)> wrote in message

> > news:444cca93@linux...

> >> HI DJ,

> >> There are none that have 3 heads. Do you really need more than 2? Are  
> >> you too lazy to learn key commands..:)

> >> There are tons of dual head ones.

> >> I would look at the FX6600 series from Gigabyte, ASUS, MSI and XFX.

> >>

> >> Chris

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> >> DJ wrote:

> >>> Thanks Chris,

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> >>> What's a cheap NVidia card with 3 x analog video outs?

> >>>  
> >>> ;o)  
> >>>  
> >>>  
> >>> "Chris Ludwig" <chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote in message  
> >>> news:444bdef0@linux...  
> >>>  
> >>>> HI DJ,  
> >>>> REset the CMOS first. YOu Matrox cards have bad video memory more  
than  
> >>>> likely. I would go pick up a cheap nvidia card and never think about  
> >>>> Matrox again. Before you boot into windows make sure that the date is  
> >>>> set right in the BIOS.  
> >>>>  
> >>>> Feel free to give me a call on Monday if you need too.  
> >>>>  
> >>>> Chris  
> >>>>  
> >>>> DJ wrote:  
> >>>>  
> >>>>> It was definitely a failed flash. Thing is, I used the ASUS utility  
and  
> >>>>> followed the instructions to the letter. That's kind scary, eh?  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>> ;o)  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>> "Rich Lamanna" <richard.lamanna@verizon.net> wrote in message  
> >>>>> news:444b83bd@linux...  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>> Deej, flashing the bios is tricky business. I remember when I  
flashed  
> >>> mine  
> >>>  
> >>>>>> sometime back, reading that if the procedure is aborted or if there  
is  
> > a  
> >>>>>> power failure during the flash that the bois would be  
unrecoverable. I  
> >>>>> don't  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>> know but maybe there is a utility that can salvage the bios?  
Bummer.  
> >>>>>>  
> >>>>>> Rich  
> >>>>>>

> >>>>>  
> >>>>> "DJ" <animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote in message  
> >>>>> news:444af4e4\$1@linux...  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>> Ok.....here's the deal. I get this P750 video card happening  
> > great  
> >>>>> with  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>> 2 x HDSP 9652's in the PCI slots and x UAD-1's in the Magma.  
Problem  
> >>>> is,  
> >>>>  
> >>>>  
> >>>>>> when I boot the computer, the post screen is a garbled bunch of  
hash.  
> >>> If  
> >>>  
> >>>> I  
> >>>>  
> >>>>  
> >>>>>> try to enter the bios, this is also a garbled bunch of hash  
because  
> > it  
> >>>>>> follows the post screen. Once I'm past post, the computer boots  
> >>>> normally,  
> >>>>  
> >>>>  
> >>>>>> but I need to be able to rtweak the bios so I decide that the bios  
> > may  
> >>>>>> need  
> >>>>>>  
> >>>>>>  
> >>>>>> to be updated. I install the ASUS utility that allows one to flash  
> > the  
> >>>>>> bios  
> >>>>>>  
> >>>>>> >from the Windows environment and load it to a floppy. then I  
launch  
> > the  
> >>>>>>> utility and try to flash from the floppy. The flash fails and I am  
> >>>>>>> prompted  
> >>>>>>>  
> >>>>>>>  
> >>>>>>> to close out of the utility. Well, guess what, my bios is now  
> > corrupted  
> >>>>>>> and

> >>>>>  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>> my screens go totally blank. I can't boot to my windows OS disk,  
> > Norton  
> >>>>>> Ghost recovery disk or my mobo utility disk now. I guess I could  
> > clear  
> >>>> the  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>  
> >>>>>> CMOS, but then I would need to see what was happening when the  
system  
> >>>>>> comes  
> >>>>>>  
> >>>>>>  
> >>>>>>> back online in order to set the time, etc. or I'd be further  
hosed.  
> >>>>>>>  
> >>>>>>> I'm really hating this evil Matrox POS right about now. Had I not  
> >>> bought  
> >>>  
> >>>>>> it,  
> >>>>>>>  
> >>>>>>>  
> >>>>>>> I'd be making music, plain and simple.  
> >>>>>>>  
> >>>>>>> Anyone tell me how to get back to square 1?  
> >>>>>>>  
> >>>>>>> I'm really stumped.  
> >>>>>>>  
> >>>>>>> Deej  
> >>>>>>>  
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