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**How To Guide:**

## ***Installing NVIDIA Detonator Drivers***

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There have been more than a few drivers floating around the Internet for NVIDIA based graphic cards. A few of them are the official drivers, but most of them are "leaked" drivers. Leaked drivers aren't necessarily bad; they likely have some bugs in them and offer no technical support, however they can fix and solve very specific issues. I am sure if we took a poll there are more users running the "Leaked" drivers than the official ones. The main reason of this, is the amount of leaked drivers that keep coming out, offering new technology, easier to figure out options, higher image quality and faster running of 3d games.

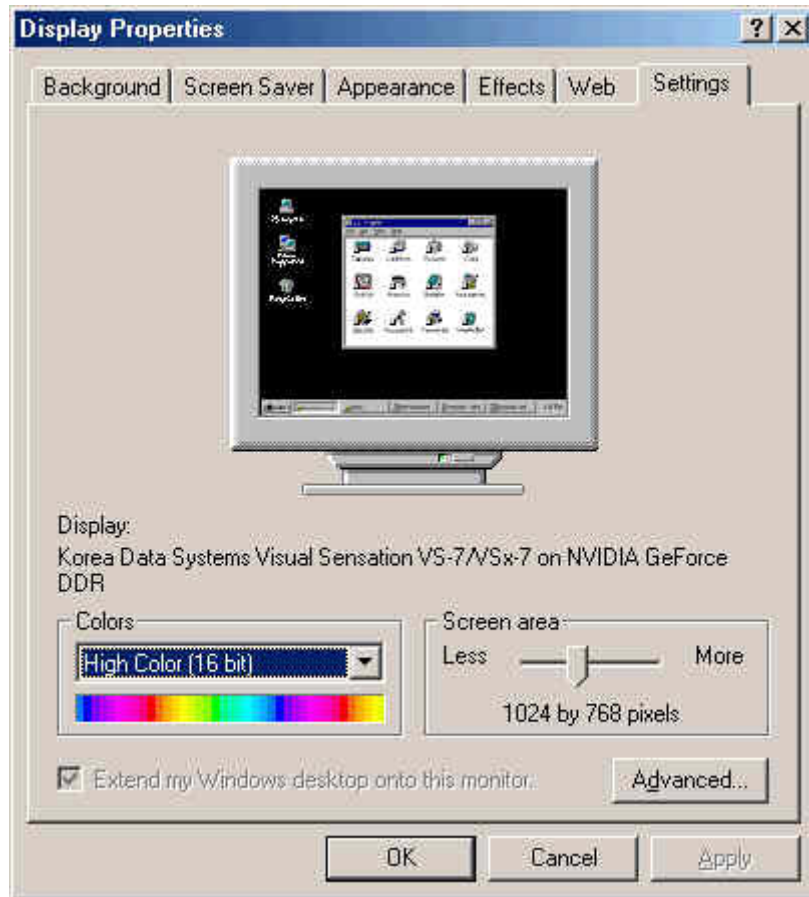
One important item that is usually overlooked is the correct way to get rid of your current drivers and install the new ones. The process is fairly easy and doesn't require a lot of time. Keep in mind that we have chosen the most efficient and easy way to install new drivers. There are several methods like un-installation from the Control panel's - Add/Remove programs utility up to bluntly installing from the device manager. We chose a fairly easy and effective way.

We will now go through the step-by-step process of deleting your old files and installing the new ones.

**Step 1-** First, [download](#) the drivers you intend to install. (i.e. Det.3 v11.01) Most of the drivers will come in a zip format. So the next step is to unzip the files into an empty directory. The default folder is c:\unzipped\driver version. After you have done this close all the open windows and close any programs or applications you are running, because after this next step you will have to shut down.

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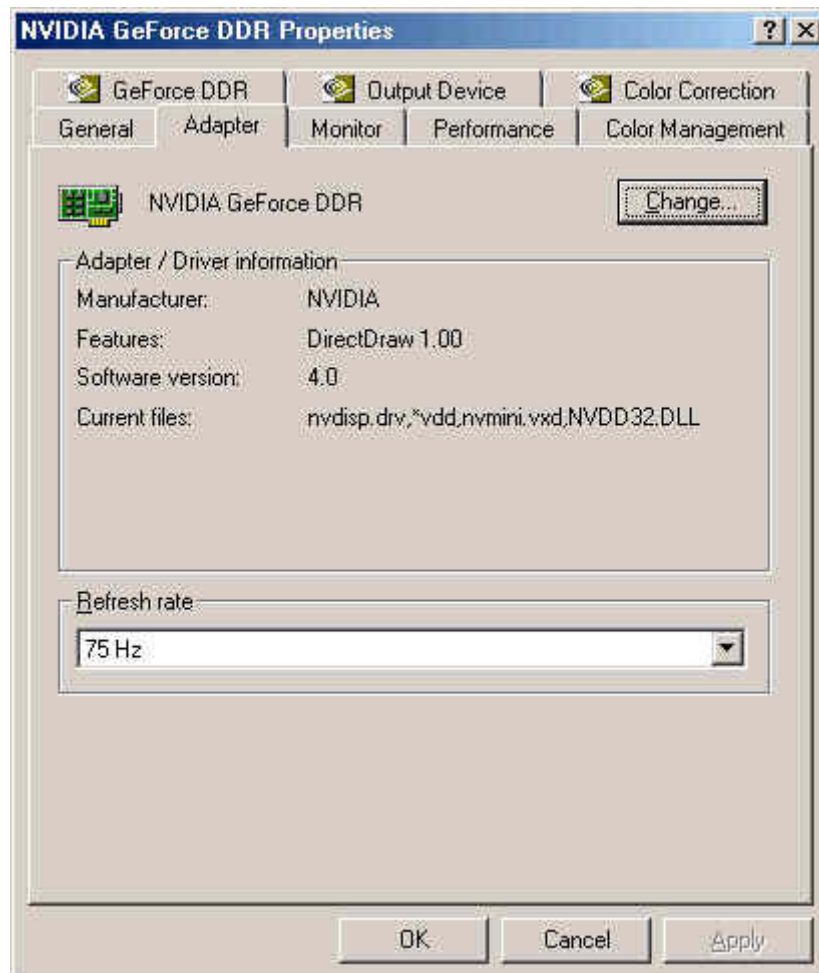
**Step 2** - Next, you will need to right click on your desktop, and click on properties, or go into the control panel and click on display. After you are in the display properties, you will need to click on the Settings tab.



Now you will see a button in the lower right that reads Advanced. Click on the button. Now you will see a new menu.

## The Advanced Menu

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Here you will need to click on the Adapter tab.

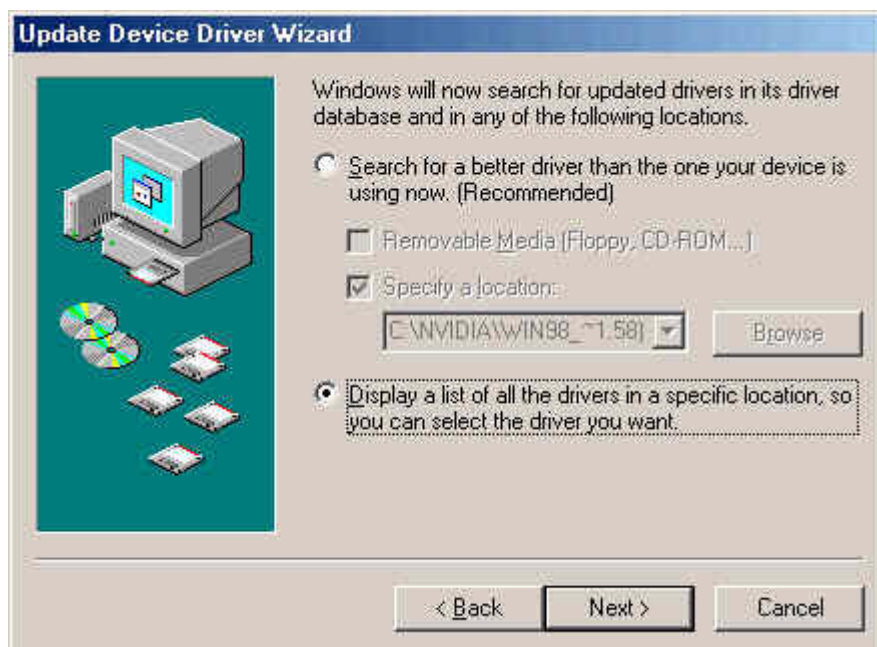
You will see it lists the driver you are currently using. Click on the Change button. I am using Windows Me, so the next items may read slightly different than what you will see, but the basic idea should be the same.

## Moving on ..

Click on the second choice from this menu, which should read: Specify the location of the driver (advanced).



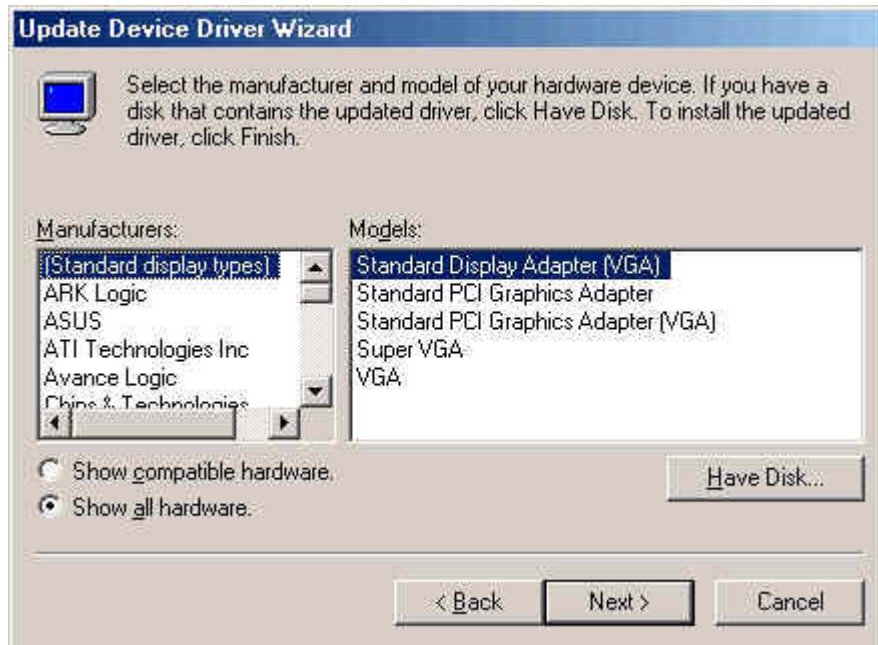
After you have done that, click next. Here you will see a few different options. Click on the last one, which will read: Display a list of all the drivers in a specific location, so you can select the driver you want.



Click next. Now at this menu, you will want to click on the box that reads: show all hardware. On the left you will see NVIDIA highlighted.

## Installing Standard Display Adapter

Scroll all the way to the top of the left menu and select the driver type that reads: (Standard display types). Now by selecting that, you have changed the choices in the right menu box. On the right side you will want to choose Standard display adapter VGA.



Click next. A warning will pop up informing you that you have selected a driver not designed for this card. Click Yes. Windows will install the standard display driver. After this is done close the display properties. Windows will prompt you to restart your computer, do this.

Now once your computer has restarted you will notice that the image quality and size are nasty looking. Don't panic, this means you are on the right track so far. Now you have removed the old drivers from your computer, now on to installing the new ones. You will need to follow all the same steps as you did before to uninstall the drivers. Stop when you get to the boxes where you chose the Standard Display adapter, the previous time.

This time instead of click on that, you will click on Have Disk. A box will pop up asking you to locate the drivers. Now remember when you unzipped the new drivers. Well you are going to need to select the folder where you unzipped them. Click ok. Windows will now install the drivers. Again Windows will prompt you to restart your computer. Go ahead and click ok.

## Almost there !

Now as you enter Windows this time you will notice the resolution is much higher. The screen size may be a little different but going into the display properties and click on the Settings tab, and sliding the bar for the resolution can easily change that.

Finally, you now have removed your old video card drivers and installed new ones. This process will work on any drivers, and if you are like me and upgrade to the newest leaked drivers every time they are released, than this will become second nature to you. We hope this article helps you out on installing video card drivers. Below are the steps in numbered order of what you need to do, just in case you want to write it down in a shorter way than I have.

1. Open Display properties
  2. Click on the Settings tab
  3. Click on Advanced
  4. Click on the Adapter tab
  5. Click Change
  6. Select the choice: select the location of the driver (advanced)
  7. On the left menu choose: Standard display types
  8. On the right menu select Standard display adapter VGA
  9. Restart
  10. Repeat steps 1-6
  11. Click on Have disk
  12. Select the folder where the files are unzipped
  13. Restart
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