WHAT'S SLOWING DOWN YOUR VDI?

Is your VDI project still stuck in the early stages of deployment, or has it failed to gain user adoption? It might be time to speed things up. Check off the applications you’re running below, and then see why your VDI could benefit from GPU acceleration.

- **WINDOWS 10**
  Windows 10 is the most graphically intensive operating system to date, requiring 32% more CPU than Windows 7. The operating system’s full potential can’t be realized without graphics acceleration.

- **OFFICE 2016 / OFFICE 365**
  Crisp text, smooth scrolling and zooming, and improved mouse pointing accuracy are all the result of hardware graphics acceleration. Microsoft Office suite assumes you have graphics acceleration and enables this feature by default.

- **WEB BROWSER**
  Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, and Chrome all enable hardware acceleration by default. Often you need to go under advanced settings if you want to use software rendering.

- **BROWSER EXTENSIONS AND ADD-ONS**
  Extensions and plug-ins often increase CPU utilization even further—common culprits being antivirus, ad-blocking, and Adobe Reader add-ons. Similarly, ads on a browser page can cause high CPU utilization.

- **PDF VIEWERS**
  Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Reader, and Microsoft Edge Viewer are all hardware accelerated by default. This feature enhances page display, zooming, and panning within two-dimensional PDF files.

- **CURRENT AND LATEST WEB STANDARDS**
  Flash, HTML5, and WebGL are all prevalent across the web and are all very taxing to the CPU. WebGL, currently used in 53 percent of the top-100 websites, can cause the CPU to hit 100 percent when just animating a simple scene.
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**COLLABORATION TOOLS AND VIDEO**
Video conferencing applications like Skype for Business and streaming sites like YouTube are becoming prevalent across the enterprise. Video decoding takes potentially the entire CPU core if viewed in full-screen or full-HD, 1080p mode. And new standards like H.264/H.265 are entirely accelerated by GPUs.

**DIGITAL IMAGING AND DESIGN**
Creative and design tools like Adobe Photoshop have features that simply won’t work without a GPU and features that require GPU for acceleration.

**MULTIPLE MONITORS**
The more monitors you have, the more number of pixels required to encode and render, thereby increasing CPU utilization. 4K resolution monitors, which are becoming mainstream, also tax the CPU.

**MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS**
With the digital transformation of the workplace and the plethora of information and applications, multitasking is a given. Having multiple applications open taxes the CPU, and having a GPU can help offload that.

Today’s modern workforce use applications and workflows are increasingly more graphics intensive. With CPU resources and active memory being consumed at unprecedented rates, GPU virtualization with NVIDIA GRID is a way to offset these added workloads. It’s a cost-effective solution to scale VDI while assuring a high-quality user experience.


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