

Nouveau Turns Into A Mess In Latest Linux 3.17 + Mesa 10.3-dev Tests

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This week I've been running a large open-source graphics card comparison using Mesa 10.3-devel and Linux 3.17 from Git. While the intentions were nice with featuring Intel/NVIDIA/AMD graphics, running several benchmarks of Steam / Source Engine games on Linux, and also measuring the power efficiency and thermal performance, the testing was cut short when it came to the Nouveau driver testing.

As a forewarning to casual Linux users that might be running Nouveau for your GeForce hardware and once in a while update against the Oibaf PPA or Ubuntu Mainline Kernel PPA, it appears there's some bad issues right now affecting at least Ubuntu Unity users... Today in trying out several graphics cards from Kepler GPUs to old GeForce 9 hardware, there's very evident on-screen corruption and rendering problems with all the NVIDIA hardware tested thus far.

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