**Subject: Kling's Christmas Card**
Posted by David Fanning on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 16:15:39 GMT

Hi Ronn,

Nice Christmas Card, as always. But I don't think I am
seeing the full effect. How can I tell if my graphics
card "supports shaders"? And if it does, what do I do to
turn this functionality on?

Cheers,

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**Subject: Re: Kling's Christmas Card**
Posted by edward.s.meinel@aero. on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 17:43:26 GMT

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> Nice Christmas Card, as always. But I don't think I am
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> card "supports shaders"? And if it does, what do I do to
> turn this functionality on?

Of course, I'm not seeing any effects, because:

Note
IDL does not provide DXF functionality under Macintosh OS X or on 64-
bit platforms.

Oh, joy. And to think that I started using IDL so many years ago
because it was "platform independent"...

Ed

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**Subject: Re: Kling's Christmas Card**
Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 17:48:44 GMT

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Subject: Re: Kling's Christmas Card
Posted by edward.s.meinel@aero. on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 18:39:33 GMT

On Dec 10, 12:48 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:
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Right. All platforms, as long as they aren't 64-bit or Mac...

Ed "all I want for Christmas is an IDL that works" Meinel

Subject: Re: Kling's Christmas Card
Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 18:50:17 GMT

Rick Towler writes:

> Oh boy.  By the time you are done with this upgrade you would have been
> able to buy a shiny new Dell!

Yeah, well, the upgrade (without a new power supply, see below) has
been less than $500, leaving me a little cash to buy a new laptop.
My choice is between a fully tricked out DELL with a 17-inch flat-panel
monitor for my wife's pitiful machine thrown in, for $2300, or a
similarly equipped Mac, with no extra monitor, for $3800. (Yep, no
brainer, at least according to my wife.)

> Given this restriction, how about this:
>
>  http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16814136 008

Alas, I ordered the XFX GeForce 7600 XT. I hope the power supply
doesn't blow the day I install it. :-(

> I'm sure it is a fine card and will display Ronn's card acceptably.  Let
> me also introduce you to the "egg".  May you never spend $240 on a
> memory upgrade again.

Actually, the "egg" is where I got the memory. Apple wanted to
charge me $700 for the same thing to provide the equivalent
amount of memory on the laptop.

> If you do upgrade your card, download and install the latest drivers
> from www.nvidia.com (for windows).

Roger, that. I've got the install thing just about sorted now.
I even know how to crawl around under my desk and inside my
machine. Ask me about that sometime. :-(

Cheers,

David
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Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 18:51:08 GMT
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edward.s.meinel@aero.org writes:

> Right. All platforms, as long as they aren't 64-bit or Mac...

I think you missed the sarcasm, but you are probably right. :-)

Cheers,

David
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