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Linux 3D Stereo Support Now Available

Quad-buffered stereo provides unsurpassed 3D display for professionals and gamers

DENVER – Xi Graphics Inc., a manufacturer of premium graphics drivers for UNIX and Linux, has announced 3D stereo support for Linux in the company’s new line of downloadable graphics drivers. The 3D stereo support is available with most graphics cards supported in Xi Graphics’ (www.xig.com) new Accelerated-X Summit v2.0 Series of drivers.

Quad-buffered 3D stereo provides realistic 3D effects when used with shutter glasses and a supported graphics card.

“This feature adds a whole new dimension for Linux gamers,” said Jon Trulson, Xi Graphics’ engineering manager. “It also gives professionals in the medical, geophysical, military and intelligence fields a much-needed tool for viewing complex images on low-cost Intel/AMD hardware running Linux.”

According to Trulson, the 3D stereo feature has been requested from numerous users, from hard-core gamers to professionals needing quality OpenGL 3D stereo with Linux.

“I think they will be very impressed with our results. The new features offered with Accelerated-X Summit v2.0 Series underscore Xi Graphics’ commitment to provide its customers with the latest, most innovative technology.”

3D stereo requires about double the memory and processing power that non-stereo modes require. Xi Graphics recommends using a card with at least 32MB framebuffer memory and a monitor that can support at least 100Hz vertical refresh rate.

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Currently Xi Graphics' Summit v2.0 product line supports over 30 cards that can provide 3D stereo. Graphics cards that do not have a built-in stereo connection can be viewed in 3D by using shutter glasses such as the Revelator model from Elsa. Cards with the built-in connection can operate with shutter glasses such as the Crystal Eyes model from Stereo Graphics.

The new line of Accelerated-X Summit Series v2 downloadable drivers are now available at Xi Graphics' Web site at www.xig.com. The new product line is based on an OpenGL 1.2.1-compliant rendering pipeline that was completely redesigned to provide exceptional graphics performance in desktops, laptops and workstations. The initial release includes 2D and 3D support for over 30 cards and laptops and is available as a free upgrade to owners of 3D Accelerated-X v1. Customers can download a demo at Xi Graphics' Web site and then purchase a key on-line to make the product permanent.

About Xi Graphics Inc.

Xi Graphics Inc., developers of the Accelerated-X™ Display Server and Summit Series product lines, provides premier graphics system software for Linux and UNIX operating systems, including desktops, laptops, and multi-head configurations with 2D and 3D hardware acceleration. Founded in 1994, Xi Graphics is a privately held corporation located in Denver, Colorado, providing retail products sold direct and through resellers and OEM's worldwide. Products include free customer support via phone and e-mail. For more information, contact Xi Graphics at 800-946-7433 or visit their Web site at www.xig.com.

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