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ATI v8.20.8 Display Drivers

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As today's driver release is mainly a maintenance update, we simply compared its Linux performance against that of the previous ATI proprietary drivers from November 11, 2005 that was version 8.19.10. As with our last ATI article for the November drivers as well as our ATI PowerPlay testing, we went with the IBM/Lenovo ThinkPad R52 that was loaded up with OpenSuSE 10.0 OSS and a Pentium M processor accompanied by the X300 with 64MB dedicated video memory. Unfortunately, ATI's Linux drivers have yet to implement 3D support for the X1K series of PCI Express graphics cards but we can only hope they will be implemented soon. For benchmarking the 8.19.10 and 8.20.8 drivers, we used Enemy Territory, Doom 3, Quake 4, and Unreal Tournament 2004 with UMark Linux BETA 3. Due to this build mainly being a maintenance release, we swayed marginally from some of our other intensive benchmarks as well as opting for any other gaming and application benchmarks.

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