



Application Note

NVIDIA nForce2 MCP2S, NVIDIA
nForce3 250, and nForce4
Families

Configuring NVIDIA Networking
Drivers with Microsoft RIS

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PLATFORM PROCESSORS

Install Networking Drivers

This application note describes how to configure NVIDIA® networking drivers when using the Microsoft Remote Installation Services (RIS) to install OS images on NVIDIA® nForce™2 MCP2S, NVIDIA nForce3 250, and the nForce4 family of products. *(The NVIDIA nForce2 MCP2S family of products includes nForce2 RAID MCP and nForce2 Gigabit MCP. The NVIDIA nForce3 250 family of products includes nForce3 250, nForce3 250Gb, nForce3 250 Pro, and nForce3 250 Ultra. The NVIDIA nForce4 family of products includes nForce4, nForce4 Ultra, nForce4 SLI, nForce Professional 2200, and nForce Professional 2050).*

For RIS installations, a network device attached to the PCI bus needs to be present. For the NVIDIA nForce2 MCP2S, NVIDIA nForce3 250, and the NVIDIA nForce4 families, the NVIDIA network device is not enumerated until the NVIDIA bus driver is started. The NVIDIA bus driver is used to control the NVIDIA bridge device.

Detailed Installation Procedure

The following steps describe the sequence needed for NVIDIA nForce2 MCP2S, NVIDIA nForce3 250, and NVIDIA nForce4 RIS clients on Windows XP, Windows 2000, and Windows 2003 Server.

Ensure that the installed BIOS contains PXE version 201 or greater. PXE version can be seen in the PXE startup banner. A sample PXE startup banner is provided below:

PXE Boot Agent 201.xxxx

1. Read Microsoft Knowledge Base Article #315279 for details on how to add OEM Network Adapter Drivers to an RIS image.
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;315279>
2. *This procedure is step 1 of article #315279:*
If you are installing Windows XP onto your RIS client, copy the files contained in nvrswxp.zip onto:
RemoteInstall\Setup\Language\Images\Dir_name\I386.
3. *This procedure is step 1 of article #315279:*
If you are installing Windows 2000 or 2003 Server onto your RIS client, copy the files contained in nvrsw2k.zip onto:
RemoteInstall\Setup\Language\Images\Dir_name\I386.

4. *This procedure is step 3 of article #315279:*
You must copy the installation package for the NVIDIA NRM driver (that is, netbus driver) to:
RemoteInstall\Setup\Language\Images\Dir_name\\${oem\$}\\$1\Drivers\Nic.
5. All other steps in article 315279 should be performed as specified.
6. After completing the above steps, you need to restart the boot information negotiation layer, or restart the machine.

PXE may now be used to install the OS image onto the RIS client.



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