

# Is Game Ready or Studio the right Nvidia driver for you?

If you are installing drivers for your Nvidia graphics card, you may notice that there are two different sets. Should you choose Game Ready drivers or Studio drivers and what is the difference between them?

If you are installing drivers for your Nvidia graphics card, you may notice that there are two different sets. Should you choose > Game Ready drivers or Studio drivers and what is the difference between them?

## Same GPU, different drivers

Currently, Nvidia has shipped two sets of drivers for its most popular video cards. The company assumes that, especially for higher-end cards, most owners are looking for gaming performance, so the company automatically recommends what it calls 'Game Ready' drivers. As the name suggests, this driver is mainly aimed at gaming performance.

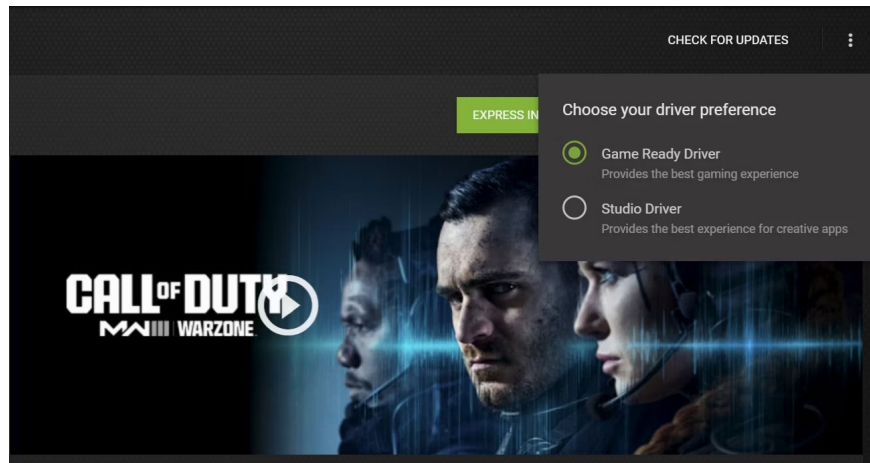
However, Nvidia also offers Studio Driver, which makes more sense for those using their GPU power for photo and video editing or even AI-related use cases. Since people are more likely to use this driver for more professional use cases, stability is a priority.

Of course, most people don't just use their PCs for gaming or work. So which driver is the better choice for you? The answer depends on what you spend the most time doing with your PC.

## Nvidia Studio Driver is more stable

If you rely on your PC for a living, any downtime is a bad thing. That's why Nvidia Studio Driver focuses more on stability. You don't want to spend half an hour rendering only to see your PC go to a blue screen and be forced to reboot, right?

At the same time, Nvidia isn't actively hindering performance just to get more uptime for GPU-intensive workloads. The main difference with Nvidia Studio Driver is that it is a slightly older release and has been tested more to ensure it has fewer problems.



Of course, problems can still happen, but they're much less likely to happen with this more seasoned driver than with a more advanced game-focused driver. Likewise, Nvidia does not actively hinder gaming performance on these drivers; they are simply tested and likely to be more stable.

If the games you play on your PC are a few months old then you may get adequate performance compared to the Game Ready driver. Any performance issues are more likely to occur with recent games.

## **Nvidia Game Ready Drivers are updated more frequently**

The main advantage of the Nvidia Game Ready Driver is that it is updated much more frequently than the Studio Driver. While that's a downside for those looking for stability - more frequent updates usually mean more problems - it's a positive for recently released games.

If your particular card is having problems with a new game release, you'll likely find a quick fix in the Game Ready driver. You're also more likely to see priority updates before major game releases than with Studio drivers. There are also some experimental features you can enable in the Game Ready driver.

Of course, Game Ready drivers still work well with creative applications like 3D modeling software, image and video editing. On the other hand, you're more likely to experience occasional crashes due to the frequency of driver changes compared to the more static Studio drivers.

## **It all depends on your priorities**

According to experience, most games play well on Studio drivers as well as on Game Ready drivers. Use Studio Driver if you appreciate the stability of a few extra frames per second in new games. Things may vary depending on your use case.

The good news is that you don't have to choose a single driver and stick with it. While constantly swapping drivers isn't ideal, you can switch between Studio Driver and Game Ready Driver at any time. Just make the switch in the GeForce Experience app, let the installation process take place, and you're running the new driver. Changing between the two drivers is usually an easy process.

You finished reading the article "**Is Game Ready or Studio the right Nvidia driver for you?**" edited by the [TipsMake](#) team. We hope this article has provided you with many useful tech tips and tricks. You can search for similar articles on tips and guides. Thank you for reading and for following us regularly.

