Subject: Re: dual display
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This_Biff@my-dejanews.com wrote:
> That's exactly what I would like to do. Did you find out if there is any way
> to implement the dual-monitor with a G200 and a Millenium II. So NT believes
> that it is working at the new resolution so therefore there is no way to
> independently adjust the resolution monitors. The reason I am asking is
> because I have an old 14" and I am getting a new 17", but I would really like
> to use the old 14" also.

Although I haven't actually tried this, I believe that it won't work. I
found it difficult to establish any hard facts about dual-screen on NT4. The
best source for Matrox is probably the "readment.txt" file that's part of the
driver suite that works with many Matrox cards, apparently, including the
G200s. It states: "In a multiple-card configuration, all cards must be
Matrox graphics cards of the same model, and that model must be supported by
the driver. Each display in your system will use the same resolution and
color palette settings."

If you acquire two graphics cards of the same model to go dual-screen, I'd
also recommend that you reconsider using two markedly-different screens. I
guess they'd be fine if you sized your application windows so that they did
not span the screens, but if you have large image windows spanning the
screens you will become frustrated by the screens' differences. Even screens
that are the same size but have different colour responses can be somewhat
frustrating in this context.

I gather that Windows 98 (and WinNT5, when it's released) support dual screen
with different model cards - this may be another option for you.   I haven't
tried either of these, personally.

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