
Subject: Re: Duel Monitors on PC?

Posted by [Richard Younger](#) on Fri, 10 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

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> Folks,
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> Has anyone ever seen IDL running on duel monitors
> on a PC? I've seen duel monitors on UNIX and I've
> seen it on Macs. But I've never seen it on PCs.
> Does anyone know if it is even possible? What
> graphics card?
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> Thanks,
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Hi, David.

As far as I understand, the dual monitor thing is handled solely at the driver level for the 2-monitor video card. It seems to normally be handled by increasing the visual desktop space available, so that you can scroll over from one to the other. I also have not yet tried it out, but I know that the matrox series has drivers for the Windows variants, including one that supports different resolutions and refresh rates on '98.

In practice, it should work rather well. When I examined the possibility, I was planning to use one monitor for editing window(s) and control widgets and the other for graphical display.

However, I'm guessing what you really want to know is how well the IDL window placing and sizing routines work. My guess is that IDL will see one huge desktop of 2X by Y pixels (with single monitors of X by Y pixels), and place things accordingly. Can anyone out there confirm or deny this?

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