
Subject: Re: 16-bit color

Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 17:09:30 GMT

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Nigel Wade wrote:

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> James Kuyper wrote:

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>> Rick Towler wrote:

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>> I've asked about this, but the sysadmins are unwilling to allow manual

>> launching of X.

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> It's pretty hard to prevent.

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> Linux supports multiple displays on the same monitor in the same way that
> it supports multiple consoles by using the virtual consoles.

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> You can start a second X server, running on display :1. You switch between
> :0 and :1 with ctrl-alt-F7 and ctrl-alt-F8 (the second display uses the
> next available virtual console by default). I'm not sure if you can have
> more as I've only ever used :0 for 24bit and :1 for 8bit.

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> It does require that an XF86Config file is set up to handle multiple depths.

The one for my machine at work isn't set up for multiple depths.

However, I'll try that on my home machine. I never really understood how
:1 works, more precisely, I was unaware that you could get to it by
switching virtual consoles. Thanks!

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