
Subject: Re: problem with dual monitor setup
Posted by [Rick Towler](#) on Wed, 01 Mar 2006 16:50:45 GMT
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Anne wrote:

- > Has anyone tried running IDL on 2 monitors? I have a Radeonx600 series
- > graphics adaptor which allows me to use 1 monitor for the IDLDE
- > interface and the second monitor for my graphics windows. This has been
- > a great improvement as I don't have to keep switching between the
- > command line and the display but I can no longer control the size of
- > the windows. For example the xsize and ysize keywords for the WINDOW
- > procedure have no effect, all windows pop-up at the same size as the
- > last graphics window that I opened. Widgets also have arbitrary sizes.
- > The display is controlled using ATI software and I guess there is some
- > interaction between this and IDL going on.
- > Has anyone else encountered this problem and does anyone have a
- > solution?

A few suggestions...

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I used to run a Radeon X300 in a dual-monitor config with IDL and while I was less than impressed with its performance (hardware acceleration on the second monitor was disabled,) I didn't have any of the problems you describe. I did have Hydravision installed.

HTH.

-Rick

Subject: Re: problem with dual monitor setup
Posted by [Anne\[1\]](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2006 15:13:44 GMT
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Thanks for the suggestions but I still can't get this to work. I am

running Hydravision and the ATI driver is new. I am running in extended desktop mode which means that the displays are independent. I can't see any settings to control placement of windows.

The only other possibility I can think of is that the Pivot software that I run to switch the display on the first monitor from landscape to portrait is interfering in some way. I know iTools and Pivot are completely incompatible but I don't see why I should have problems running in IDL with both monitors in landscape mode.

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