

## Re: Dual Monitors

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dmiller wrote:

- > *Call me stupid but, what would be the point of running two video cards. All*
- > *that would gain you is two screens with the same view on it wouldn't it?*

There is nothing that requires you to have the same thing on both screens. Depending on your multi-monitor card or your combination of single (or multi) monitor cards your dual-monitor options are typically:

- 1.) one desktop cloned on each display
- 2.) have one big desktop spanning both displays.
- 3.) have separate desktops on each display.

> *Why*

> *would this be an advantage. Not being negative just really interested.*

- (1) Is typically used in situations such as a presenter using the primary monitor while the audience watches what he does on the secondary monitor. Often the secondary monitor is a projector, but it can be an ordinary CRT or LCD.
- 2.) Is typically used when you want more screen space for your desktop (and hence for the apps on that desktop) than you can get from a single monitor.
- 3.) Is typically used when you want more screen space to have multiple application windows simultaneously visible but you don't require that they be on the same desktop.

Many users of multi-monitor systems toggle back and forth between (2) and (3) depending on their needs at the time.

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