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Thank you. Guess that we just must live with it :-)

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"SDSimonsen" <[sds@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:sds@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in <news:1160393492.402927.176520@b28g2000cwb.googlegroups.com>:

With multiple screens a command prompt in fullscreen mode opens a copy on all screens.

Is it possible to have a command prompt in fullscreen mode, but only to open on one screen?

Thanks in advance

When you run a command prompt (or a DOS program) and set it to fullscreen mode, it is given pretty much full control of the video. You won't get any other program's display unless you run everything in windowed mode.

This is also true of DOS or Windows games that run in fullscreen mode including ones that run under DirectX. I suspect that there would be even more complaints if the game wasn't mostly in control. It can be an annoyance if things happen like the mouse cursor not being restrained to the fullscreen size (which still happens sometimes), or other windows popping up during your game...

The maximized mode on a Windows program is just a window that fills the full screen, and is not the same thing as a DOS program in fullscreen mode. Try clicking the maximize button on a cmd window – it will usually resize to fill the screen top-to-bottom, but not side-to-side, and will still have the window borders. If you switch it to fullscreen via ctrl-enter, you should see the difference.

You may be able to have a different maximized window on each monitor, or a

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maximized window may stretch to fill both displays. This is a function of the video card and driver. One machine I have with an Nvidia card allows for either way of maximizing with the regular driver, and on my machine with an ATI card I could add the Hydravision program to get the stretch function.

On some video cards and monitors (when in fullscreen mode) you will get a "clone" on all the displays, and on others you will get a display only on the primary monitor while the other monitor(s) will go blank. You will probably see the same behavior when the machine first boots up and is displaying the BIOS screens.

For even more variation: on one of my machines, a fullscreen program fills the whole display (and text looks bad as the aspect ratio doesn't match), and on another, it only fills the center 640x480 area of the screen. I am not sure whether this is controlled by the video card or by the monitor itself. I think that for an LCD screen it may also depend on whether it is attached via DVI or via analog VGA.