

## Re: [SLE] 2 heads

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On Sunday 26 June 2005 06.10, Stanley Long wrote:

> *Tim Hanson wrote:*

>> *I'm ready to take the plunge into double monitor-land. Intuition tells  
>> me that all I need to do is hang another video card into the chassis,  
>> hook up another monitor, fire it up, and configure it with sax2. Is it  
>> that easy?*

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> *Just about that easy, yes.*

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> *If you find an old PCI video card (or two), you can do a no-cost test.*

> *YAST doesn't care if you use different cards.*

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> *At about SuSE 8.2, YAST had a problem of not wanting to recognize the  
> 2nd monitor if initially set up on just one head, even for dual head  
> video cards. Also, it seems SuSE people mostly assume one always wants  
> one wide display across both monitors. Xinerama does that combined  
> display presentation.*

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> *CAD people want the largest possible screens for the CAD, and often  
> prefer the separated 2nd screen for anything else that should be visible  
> at the same time as the work layout. ie, web page catalog sheets for  
> machinery, photographs of work being drawn, calculation tools,  
> specification text, email or text files ...*

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> *Two separate screens (non-Xinerama) make FAST highlight-drag-n-drop  
> transfers from one application into another. Yep, the curser carries the  
> stuff across between monitors even though applications are limited to  
> one or the other.*

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> *Matrox G-450/550 dual head AGP video works just fine here. Be aware that  
> 2nd display has slower clock capability than the 1st display.*

> *<http://www.varicad.com> is rather useful, even if not OSS.*

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> *If two screens are not enough, try fvwm desktop w/ 6x2 virtual screens  
> per monitor desktop and try sliding live apps from one virtual screen to  
> an adjacent v.s.*

SuSE: Re: [SLE] 2 heads

I have been running triple head for quite some time now. (19"+19"+17")  
I have two graphicscards. One Matrox G400 DualHead (AGP) , and one Matrox Millennium II (PCI)  
I use it for all my work (graphics, webdesign, plain surfing and chatting mostly)  
I have found the possibility of having for instance GIMP running in one virtual desktop with all the menus left-most, working image in the centre, and anything else i need temporarily (as docs etc) to my right, very handy and easy to work with.  
Also, if i look for information or is researching something on the net, i can have several windows open without having to switch between them.  
Sure ONE big monitor at say 1600x1200 is nice to have.  
But three x 1280x1024 is alot handier..

The only drawback is the space.. They take up a LOT of desktop. (I use "old" CRT monitors)  
I do have a new machine planned with three 16:10 Widescreen TFT's.  
I will of course report how that baby will be as soon as it is up.

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          /Rikard  
" Sharing knowledge is the most fundamental act of friendship.  
Because it is a way you can give something without loosing something."  
          -R. Stallman

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