

Top-Bottom Posting (was: Re: [opensuse] Duel Screening)

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This is an example of top-posting. In other words, my reply is posted at the top of this message. Now scroll all the way down to the bottom of this message to see an example of bottom posting and a longer explanation of posting models.

Neil wrote:

On 1/23/08, ba <ampster40@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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Please,

Do you mean I top posted? I am a newb, but I thought top posting was something else. Waht did I do wrong?

Neil

Hello

What is the video card brand? Do they have native linux drivers? Did you install them? Did you try to config it using the native programs?

I work with 3 monitors, and noticed Yast isn't simple when it gets to multiple monitors. I ended up modifying some of the xorg.conf file.

Then again, my situation is quite complicated due to two vidcards (both Nvidia) and a wacom tablet.

Neil

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On 1/18/08, Jesse Shaver <J_shaver@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I have a Lenovo Thinkpad X61 with a dock.
and a Samsung SynchMaster
915N 19 inch monitor. the laptop works
great, but I can't get it to
split the desktop across two screens. I have
gone into SaX2 through
YaST and my settings are:

Display 1: Intel 965 MG Monitor VESA
1024x768@60 HZ
Display 2: Samsung SSYNCHMASTER
1280X1024

Xinerama Multihead is selected for the Dual
Head Mode, and the
arrangement is 2 next to 1.

In this setting it simply clones the built in
one (at 1024x768)
onto the larger one.

anyone have this working with a similar
box/video card?

thanks in advance,

-Jesse

This is an example of bottom posting. In other words, my reply is posted at the bottom of the message. Which to use is a subject that takes on an almost religious fervor. Proponents of each posting model (see below) can give dozens of reasons why their model is best. In practice, the solution to which model is used is set by the owner(s) of the list. The owner(s) of this list appear to prefer bottom posting. A couple other things that can get you yelled at on this list is sending html mail and hijacking a thread. Hijacking is changing the topic being discussed without changing the subject line. See the subject line of this reply to see one way to change it. Okay. As promise here's some more info on the posting models, probably more than you want to know. Anyway...

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How to Post Replies

(Originally posted to an online University of Phoenix class.)

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I have noticed that the postings here keep getting longer and longer, making it difficult to determine who and what is being responded to. A general rule is to edit out those parts that do not relate to your reply. However, there are three response models to choose from.

1. Top Posting – This is where you put your reply at the top of the message with all other earlier replies below. This appears to be the model that UOP prefers. While top posting makes it easier for the person replying, it makes it more difficult for a reader since she has to scroll down to find the message you are replying to. Since the goal is to get your point across, you should make it as easy as possible for readers to figure out your point.

2. Bottom Posting – This is where you put your reply at the bottom of the message with all other earlier replies above. While bottom posting makes it more difficult for the person replying, it makes it easier for the reader, especially if this model is combined with appropriate editing of the message you are replying to.

3. Dispersed Posting – This is where you insert your reply just below the part of the message you are replying to. This may result in several parts of a reply 'dispersed' throughout the message being replied to. This is the most difficult for the person replying since it almost requires editing but it results in better communications since the reader has no problem figuring out what the reply is replying to.

While there is no model, there is one more situation that I refer to as 'random' posting. This occurs when some participants in a thread top post, others bottom post, and a third may try to use dispersed posting, all without regard to what has gone before. In these cases, it becomes almost impossible to determine what the latest reply is replying to. Unfortunately, this seems to happen a lot in the UOP forums. So, what do you do in such a situation?

The rule I try to follow is to use whatever model was used earlier. In other words, if the first reply is top–posted, then I will top post my reply. If the first reply is bottom posted, I will bottom post my reply. If everyone would follow this rule, the discussions would be much easier to follow. But we cannot control those who will not comply. So, in order to get your point across, it becomes incumbent on you to edit out irrelevant parts of the message you are replying to so that there is no doubt which part you are replying to. Remember that your posts must be substantive in order to count toward participation. If I cannot figure out what you are replying to, I may decide that it is not substantive. Keep this in mind while deciding how to reply.

I have tried valiantly to get UOP students to use the bottom–post model with very limited success. The result of these efforts is a decrease in effective communications. I have therefore decided to use the most popular reply model, top posting, in my classroom interactions.

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Hope this helps.

Don Henson

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