

Re: HELP!! Dual monitors – Primary shuts off when mouse moves off it!

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Greg Courville wrote:

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- > *my Windows system. The sad thing is, I start to miss my Windows*
- > *days... when installing a program involved nothing more than a*
- > *download and a double-click... when recovering from file system errors*
- > *was as simple as scandisk.exe... when I could run my favorite*

Oh God, offtopic we get again :)

Now, there's not so much difference doing a fsck versus scandisk, once you are accustomed to the procedure (of unmounting the filesystem beforehand). In most cases, it will run at boot automagically if required. Using ext3 or – even better – reiserfs will save you from most fsck'ing conditions due to the journalling features built in at no extra cost.

- > *applications, Premiere, Photoshop, C++ Builder, etc. with a single*
- > *click to the taskbar... when all recognized filesystems were mounted*
- > *automatically, without any configuration... when installing new*

Hmm, and what filesystems were recognized? By far not as many as Linux does, of course :-).

- > *drivers didn't involve hours of tweaking, configuration files, and*
- > *mysterious errors... when setting up a dual-monitor system was a*
- > *10-click process and took about 5 minutes.*

You were a Lucky Man (tm) with your windows. Have you tried to setup win98 on a state-of-the-art computer with getting all its whistles to pipe and its bells to ring, without lots of exclamation marks in device manager? I guess you will have to rely on quite a lot of drivers (mainboard cd with soundchip/lan/chipset/usb/firewire if ever supported, graphics, nic, bluetooth/wlan ...) and spend a good time installing all the stuff. And you will be really lucky when it all works ... until you install some junk that busts your registry and "do it again, sam".

- > *This isn't to say that I don't absolutely love Linux. I think Linux*

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> *is, as I have heard some put it, "off the heezy fo–sheezy" (which I
> assume is a good thing). However, it is going to be a while before I
> am as comfortable in Linux as I was in Windows. I'm working as hard as
> I can to become fully converted, but crazy little problems like this,
> and the lack of support available, are what hold me back.*
>

Yes, lack of support. You give us too little support here. Support us with the output of xsession–error, dig in /var/log/messages or dmesg, tinkle with apm and screensaver settings. Try generic drivers (framebuffer). It's all up to you.

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Yes, Linux isn't (and will probably never be) as "ready" and refined as windows. There are too many different distributions/platforms/individual differences, in short term there's too much choice to make it possible to calculate all eventualities and build a "fool–proof" install script or driver or configfile for each and every possible configuration. No shrink–wrap here. So you always must be aware of the fact you will have to learn to help yourself in the end. Or give good bugreports to the (voluntary) developers. You need to analyze your problem thoroughly. Now, Linux (any flavor) has the great advantage to make this possible, due to it's open codebase.

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> *Ugh... to think that I criticize _others_ for going off–topic!*

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LOL. Giving back the best I can :)

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Again, try to tinker with apm or acpi settings, watch out for errorlogs (and what happens when you try to move the mouse back to the dark region?). Good Luck!

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Longhorn error#4711: TCPA / NGSCB VIOLATION: Microsoft optical mouse
detected penguin patterns on mousepad. Partition scan in progress
to remove offending incompatible products. Reactivate your MS software
(3 days grace period). [LinuxCounter#295241]
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