

# Suse doesnt seem to like widescreen

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Hi – I have a new Dell 2007FPW widescreen monitor, with a native resolution of 1680x1050. My difficulty is that when I try to run Suse 10.0 or 10.1 at this resolution (or any of the other wide screen formats I have tried) the screen doesnt fit the desktop any more. At 1680x1050 it looks nice enough (the font could be clearer) but the top of the screen disappears. If I have, say, firefox open, then enough of the screen is hidden that I cant see the bar at the top of Firefox – the first I can see is 'file, edit, etc', the menu headers.

I have ended up running the resolution at 1280x1024 – at this res the fonts are very clear and neat, and the screen fits perfectly. So I more or less have a working solution, but it bothers me that I cant do it the obvious way. I upgraded to suse 10.1 to see if that helped, and I now have a 'driver' for the monitor, but that still doesn't help. I installed the nvidia driver, but with exactly the same outcome.

Under windows, everything looks lovely – although I have to admit that was tested using a different computer..

The hardware is a Shuttle nForce 2 motherboard with integrated 'geforce 4 mx' graphics, using 16 meg of ram, with a 1 gig of ram installed. All of this has been using the VGA output, as there is no DVI with the on board graphics and I havent gotten to the point of installing a card to test it with.

When I search online I dont find any useful answers, so I thought I would try posting here to see if anyone else has encountered the same issue?

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