

Re: Help Setting up Dual Monitors

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Mark Scott wrote:

Can anyone offer advice on getting dual monitors up and running on Suse 10.0 using an NVIDIA Quadro FX video card please? I have had no success at all and even downloaded the driver from the nvidia web site and the operating system won't allow me to install this. One monitor is fine but the other, while fine during boot up, once the x-server is up reverts to an ultra-low rez of the first monitor and there are no options in Sax2 for a second monitor.

Any ideas or help?
Mark

Hi Mark,

I don't think the nv driver that comes with SUSE supports dual monitors. You will need to get the nvidia driver installed to get it to go.

First, my major recommendation: As root in a terminal
`cp /etc/X11/xorg.conf /etc/X11/xorg.conf.old`

If you find after hand editing the file you can't get to a GUI then as root again

`cp /etc/X11/xorg.conf.old /etc/X11/xorg.conf` and `startx` will get you back to at least one monitor working. However if the Xserver fails to load it refers you to a log (something like `/var/log/bunch of stuff`). This can be very helpful as it sometimes specifies the line in the `xorg.conf` file that is messed up.

As to your difficulty installing the driver: I had troubles at first too. Then I downloaded nvidia's instructions and printed them. By following them (about a dozen times as I had trouble understanding what they said) I eventually got it installed. Once I understood them.....let's call it experience...I found them easy.

I replied to your 3/13 question on 3/17. Did you try that? As I stated I've never been able to use Sax2 or Yast to get this setup properly.

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I've needed to hand edit the `/etc/X11/xorg.conf` file. I included my `xorg.conf` file in the previous reply. Have you put in the metamodes?

I tried looking through the www.tldp.org documentation as the previous person recommended (I'd love to find an easier way to do this) but was unable to find the documentation he was referring to.

I've used dual monitors since Mandrake 6.3 and switched to SUSE in the 8's. I started using Matrox G450's (very easy to set up). then ATI Radeon 8500 but Nvidia cards are the best supported PCI-E cards (IMHO) and I'm running a 6600 and a 7600 with dual monitors.

HTH,
Tom

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