

screen resolution on ubuntu

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Hi, I just brought up my new computer on ubuntu 7.

System -> Preferences -> Screen Resolution only goes up 1024x768. My monitor is 1600x1200, and Windoze was able to drive that just fine. My graphics card is an NVidia GeForce 6150 SE.

In my /etc/X11/xorg.conf it said

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Section "Screen"
Identifier "Default Screen"
Device "Generic Video Card"
Monitor "Generic Monitor"
DefaultDepth 24
SubSection "Display"
Depth 1
Modes "1024x768" "800x600" "640x480"
EndSubSection
...
SubSection "Display"
Depth 24
Modes "1024x768" "800x600" "640x480"
EndSubSection
EndSection
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I changed "'1024x768'" to "'1600x1200" "1024x768'" on each "Modes" line and rebooted. The system still wouldn't let me choose the higher resolution.

Then I changed the "Device" line to "NVIDIA GeForce 6150 SE Video Card" and tried to reboot, and the system couldn't bring up the graphics, I had to reboot in safe mode and restore the xorg.conf file. I'm really wondering if "Generic Video Card" and "Generic Monitor" are limiting me, and what I should change them to.