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News Feature

Benefits of Multiple Monitors

- Does having dual monitors make people more productive?
- Is it worth the additional cost?

Having dual monitors means having two monitors connected to a single computer. This allows the user more screen space on which information can be displayed. Studies show that using more than one monitor will increase an individual's productivity anywhere from 9% up to 50%! Dual monitors are well suited for tasks like:

- comparing invoices, websites, drawings – any documents
- stretching big drawings or spreadsheets across both monitors to “see the big picture”
- watching a training video on one monitor and doing the exercise being taught on the other
- viewing a working document on one monitor and resource materials on the other.
(I'm doing this right now.)

To best leverage your multi-monitor setup, we recommend you limit open windows to those that are needed for the current task, close them when they are no longer needed, and close all windows associated with a task when that task is done.

The computer “desktop” is a computer world metaphor for the desk that most of us work at. In the physical world, employers wouldn’t ask office workers to work at a 12 inch by 12 inch desk, where they would have to cover up what they were reading with what they were working on, constantly switching from one piece of paper to another. That wouldn’t be effective, but in the computer world, some employers ask their people to work with a single monitor. This causes people to constantly switch between source windows and working windows, effectively covering one with the other. So providing dual monitors is a lot like providing a reasonable sized desk for your people to work at. How can this not make people more efficient and effective?

By Rick Simon, Business Development Manager

See [Productivity and Multi-Screen Displays](#) by James A. Anderson et al, University of Utah or [Multitasking And Dual Monitors In The Contact Center](#) by Jeremy Watkin, Customer Think or [Work Quicker and Smarter with Dual Monitors](#) by Beth Wolfe and Tech Mechanics or [6 Reasons Why Every Drafter Should Use Dual Monitors](#) by Eugene Kovalenko, Drafting Hub

Security Trends

WatchGuard Security Predictions

Security predictions highlight information security trends that criminals may use to exploit users and gain access to valuable data. Our top tweets this month were about security predictions ... for 2013. Look back at 2013 or forward to 2016:

See [2016 Security Predictions](#) by WatchGuard Security or [WatchGuard Reveals Top Security Predictions for 2013](#) by WatchGuard Technologies, Inc.

New Technology

NASA Virtual Reality Software

NASA has taken their virtual reality astronaut training experience and, with partners, is using data from the Curiosity Rover to give people a virtual reality glimpse of what it is like to be on Mars.

See [NASA's Mars 2030 virtual reality software to put users on the surface of the Red Planet](#), by Nick Lavars, Gizmag

Tips and Tricks

Snapping Windows

Since Windows 7 it has been possible to open two windows, side by side, by dragging each window to one side of the screen. It works for dual monitors too, but sometimes you end up dragging the window so it crosses both screens. You can avoid this by using keyboard shortcuts instead. Use the Windows Logo key with the left or right arrow to snap the window to the left or right side of the current monitor.

See [Multiple Monitors in Windows 7 - Easy Snapping](#) by Pagoda Technologies

Q & A

See [Evergreening](#), by Rick Simon, Aslan Computer Systems.

Question:

How can I even out my computer acquisition costs from year to

year?

The Short Answer:

For workstations, try an evergreening approach where you replace one third each year. Evergreening can also be used for servers, but outsourcing and cloud computing can enable a 'pay as you go' approach.

For more information about outsourcing or cloud computing

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