Subject: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by genetix on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 01:04:30 GMT
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My family owns a fast food restraunt and we're looking at adding a monitor hanging from the ceiling which would display advertisements(combo's, daily specials, etc). We have a system already which runs our cammera's. It has NO display attached to it. I would like to add a video card and run the cabling so that a second monitor could display full screen jpeg images. These would be the advertisements.

Does anyone know of an easy way to do this? I'm not familiar with a method of doing this using the web. I would prefer to use PHP and HTML to do this but the only way I can think to do this there would still be a small "window".

Any idea's?

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by _SSnipe_ on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 01:28:03 GMT
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ahh i could be reading it wrong but cant u just hook up ur pc to the tv and then have some of the pics as a full screen slide show playing all day? easy way i think of it

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Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by Zion on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 01:30:59 GMT
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My school uses a similar system, full screen application to run promotional videos etc which is streamed to large screen TV's dotted around corridors. We use Life Channel by Scala, however we do pay for it. I can access and edit the content via a web based interface.

I'm not sure how it's done exactly, but it uses an executable file which runs an application full screen to display said jpegs, etc.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by Ryu on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 02:48:19 GMT
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Powerpoint playing on a loop?

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by SlikRik on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 03:15:43 GMT

Ryu wrote on Mon, 07 July 2008 22:48Powerpoint playing on a loop?
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Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by Ryu on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 03:22:56 GMT

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Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by genetix on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 03:27:27 GMT

I never even thought of using power point. That would make things pretty easy. I'll have to
double check on the server to make sure the cammera's don't show up all the time. I don't think
they do. Wouldn't want microsoft's powerpoint software to crash and leave us with our cammera's
displayed to the public.

Does anyone know of a way to "fake" a primary monitor? I won't have a primary monitor plugged
in it will be a remote connect type setup. I'm pretty sure if you connect one monitor in the second
video port it will just set that as primary. We don't want to spend $200 on the extra monitor and
we don't have the space for it.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by SlikRik on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 04:43:00 GMT

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Granted, Flash has a slightly higher learning curve, but once you get going off the curve, you can
go so much farther than anything you can do in PowerPoint. I refuse to use PowerPoint anymore.
 Any time I've got a presentation to make, Flash is the way to go.

Custom animations give any organization a great aire of professionalism which is what attracts
people. A good portion of today's at least partially tech-savy population can spot a PP

presentation when they see one. If I saw one at a fast food joint I would think "Gee, look at that cheesy PP presentation. If they're taking the easy way out with their advertising, makes me wonder if the food will be any better." Even people who don't know the difference would probably be more attracted to a flashy, eye-catching animation than some standard PP presentation.

Plus, Flash is a crap-ton more presentable than PowerPoint, seeing as it can be viewed directly as an .swf (if you've got FlashPlayer installed on your computer), exported to a self-contained .exe for viewing, or embedded into webpages. With PowerPoint, you've gotta actually have the creation software (Microsoft PowerPoint itself) installed and running to view the finished product.

Sorry to ruin the thread, end of Flash-is-better-than-powerpoint rant.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by genetix on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 05:29:12 GMT
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If power point is used then it will only be used for the functionality not the built in template styles. Full JPEG advertisements will be displayed and rotated. I'm mainly looking for something that will just display these JPEG's in full screen very easily. I've never done a full screen application in flash before. I've never worked with a large stage either. It would have to be huge to handle a full screen.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by Goztow on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 07:26:49 GMT
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Doesn't Windows have a standard screensaver that displays all pictures in a directory?

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by CarrierII on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 08:43:10 GMT
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If it's only JPEGs in a loop, then there's no reason to use anything other than powerpoint or the open office equivalent.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by TD on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 11:03:14 GMT
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Goztow wrote on Tue, 08 July 2008 09:26Doesn't Windows have a standard screensaver that

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displays all pictures in a directory?
That's exactly what I first thought of when I read the topic title.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by CarrierII on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 11:53:26 GMT
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The screensaver will disable on any keyboard or mouse activity though.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by Goztow on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 12:46:28 GMT
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Then don't connect a keyboard or mouse .

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by SlikRik on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 15:59:18 GMT
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genetix wrote on Tue, 08 July 2008 01:29If power point is used then it will only be used for the functionality not the built in template styles. Full JPEG advertisements will be displayed and rotated. I'm mainly looking for something that will just display these JPEG's in full screen very easily. I've never done a full screen application in flash before. I've never worked with a large stage either. It would have to be huge to handle a full screen.
On the contrary, a fullscreen Flash is very easily made with simple code (no I don't have it on hand, but it's a common feature, and common ActionScript codes are easily found). You can also set the Flash stage to be as large as you like, I think most monitors generally go up to 1680x1050. I once made a short Flash the size of my desktop res, 1920x1200.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by nikki6ixx on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 17:54:05 GMT
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I'd go with a Powerpoint, or the screensaver because both will be simple to change, edit, and display.

If I were a customer, I wouldn't give a damn how nice it looks, just as long as the menu is displayed clearly, and is easy on the eyes. I want a cheeseburger and fries... not some animation with 'super motion tweening, fading, whatever-the-hell Flash does these days' .

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by danpaul88 on Tue, 08 Jul 2008 19:27:42 GMT

If it's running Windows XP or Vista then just stick the built in image slideshow program on loop and fullscreen. No need for any fancy software or anything else.

(In Vista open one of the pictures in the folder in preview mode, and click Play Slideshow and it will play a slideshow of all the images in that folder, which can be set to loop and shuffle them. XP should be similar IIRC)

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by renohol on Wed, 09 Jul 2008 04:37:24 GMT

sorry I can't help with the monitor, but I sure could help your fastfood business becasue I luv fastfood!

What's the Name of your resturant? How do I get there? What is your specials? Do you have a drive through and if so will u promise not to call the cops on me for going through it drunk?

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by genetix on Wed, 09 Jul 2008 06:02:10 GMT

Right now I'm leaning towards the power point method. I used to run AV at my school in the auditorium. Power point auatomatically displays presentations full screen on the second disply.

The only thing is when I remotely connect the presentation will close as soon as I do anything. But if I changed the desktop background to our company logo(Extreme Pita) then thats all the customer would see if nothing else.

I'm still wondering about the whole second display thing though. If I don't have a monitor pluggd into the primary output and I have a monitor in the secondary output will it work the way intended? Anyone ever fiddled with this before? I can't test it out on my desktop right now because I recently installed Server 2008 and can't get extended desktops to work. It's just mirroring.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by Goztow on Wed, 09 Jul 2008 07:37:19 GMT

You could set the second monitor to dual view, so both are primary and the 2nd is an extension for the 1st one.

Subject: Re: 2nd monitor as a changing jpeg
Posted by genetix on Thu, 10 Jul 2008 03:23:30 GMT
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I would like to try and keep it fairly private. If I add a second monitor the security software will not pop up on the public display. I would also be able to work on the computer without worrying about the public seeing things they shouldn't. I realize I could just disable the secondary monitor while working on the computer but even then there are times when the staff will be rebooting the computer or using it. It's much safer to get a dual monitor setup going.