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If you have ever worked with two monitors at once, spreading your Desktop and applications across the vast expanse of multiple screens, you know how hard it becomes to compute any other way. “What do you mean I have to cover up this window to type in the other one?” If you haven’t worked with two monitors, you don’t know what you’re missing. DoubleSight’s Dual LCD Display puts two 15-inch LCD monitors side by side in a single chassis, doubling your PC’s display ability with one fell swoop.

Spreading a screen across two monitors requires a video card with dual outputs (or possibly two video cards, if you have to go that route), and DoubleSight is no exception. But, if you have the hardware, setup is a snap. Connect the two clearly labeled video cables to each PC output, and plug the unit in. Then, from Windows’ Display Properties dialog box, activate the second monitor and choose Extend Your Windows Desktop. You might need

to fiddle with DoubleSight’s settings to determine which feed goes to which screen, but the included documentation is both clear and fairly comprehensive.

The DS-1500’s displays each have a 1,024 x 768 native resolution (for a total resolution of 2,048 x 768), so if you want to scrunch your icons down to mere microscopic proportions, this model might not be for you. But, for most people, doubling the total screen real estate more than compensates for any loss of screen space due to higher resolution. The displays also exhibit all of LCD technology’s regular limitations, so hardcore gamers and graphics professionals won’t find salvation here either.

The unit is attractive, with a silver finish, and is thin and lightweight. An unobtrusive 1-inch bezel divides the screens, and controls are conveniently located along the bottom bezel. Menus and buttons are intuitive, and you can easily control which input each screen is using.

At \$799, the DoubleSight is competitive among 15-inch LCD monitors (remember, you’re buying two). The added benefit of a single chassis and a single menu makes the DoubleSight a great value. If you’re interested in dual-monitor computing, the DoubleSight is definitely a sight to behold—twice. ■

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