



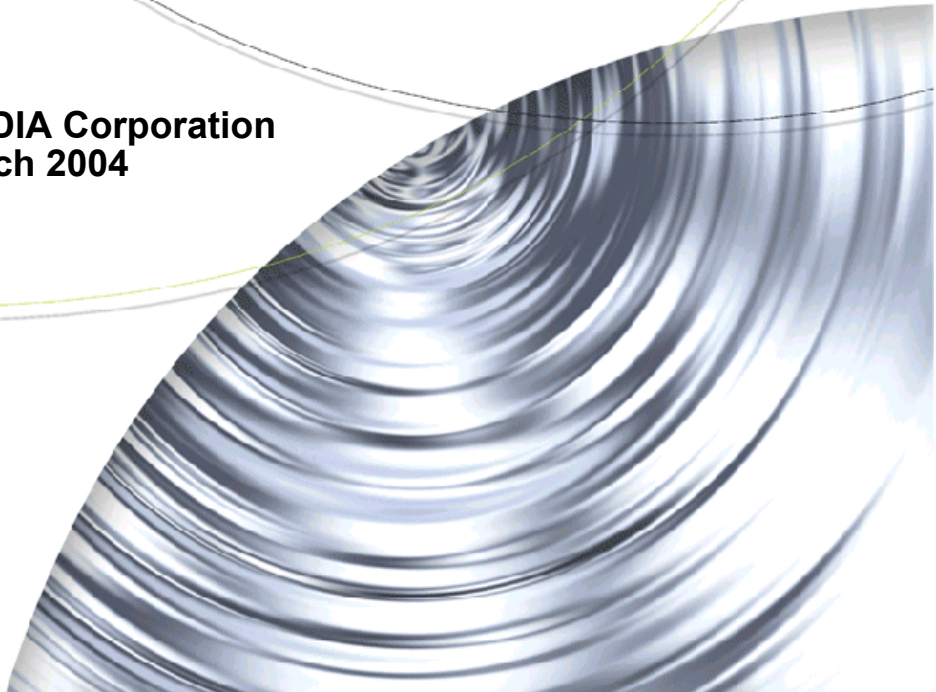
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## CHAPTER

## 1

## INTRODUCTION

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- “Notes on Feature and Configuration Support” on page 20
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## About this Guide

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This is a *user’s guide* addressed to end users of the NVIDIA® nView™ Desktop Manager application, which is a component of the NVIDIA ForceWare™ graphics display driver. nView Desktop Manager is a desktop and application management tool that runs on Windows operating systems and graphics cards based on NVIDIA **graphics processing units (GPUs)**.

**Note:** Supported NVIDIA GPUs are listed in [Table 2.5](#). For technical details on the features and benefits of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver, refer to the NVIDIA Web page: [www.nvidia.com](http://www.nvidia.com).

## Other Related Documentation

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- If you are primarily using the *display properties* components of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display drivers with NVIDIA **GeForce™-based** graphics cards, see the following user's guide:

*NVIDIA ForceWare Graphics Driver: User's Guide* — Release 55 driver version

- If you are primarily using the *display properties* components of the NVIDIA ForceWare driver with NVIDIA **Quadro®-based** graphics cards, see the following user's guide:

*NVIDIA ForceWare Graphics Driver: Quadro Workstation User's Guide* — Release 55 driver version

- The documents titled *NVIDIA ForceWare Graphics Driver: Release Notes* — (Release 55 driver version) describe performance improvements and software fixes in the ForceWare graphics display drivers. These documents enable **add-in-card (AIC)** producers and **original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)** to monitor performance improvements and bug fixes in the driver.

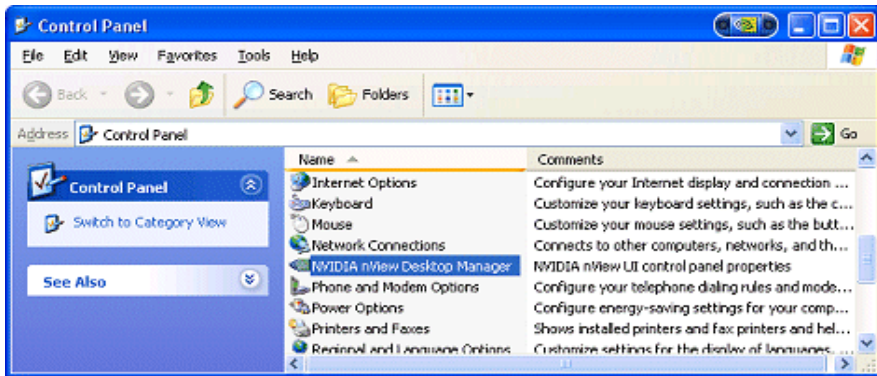
## NVIDIA Display Properties and nView Desktop Manager

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The NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver software includes two user interface-based components: NVIDIA display properties *and* nView Desktop Manager. The name “nView” represents a collection of multi-display technologies encompassing driver support, multi-display GPU architecture, and desktop management support.

- **NVIDIA Display properties** refers to the control panel-based user interface from which you can configure the advanced display properties of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver. For details, see “[Accessing the NVIDIA Display Properties Control Panel](#)” on page 34.
- **nView Desktop Manager** (the topic of this *user's guide*) is a user level application utility that focuses on making you more productive when working on your Windows desktop. Desktop Manager was originally created for multi-display graphics cards but has grown to enhance single-display user desktops as well. Desktop Manager supports both single-display and multi-display configurations running with single-display, multi-display, or multiple graphics cards based on NVIDIA GPUs.

Desktop Manager is also a separate item on the Microsoft® Windows® Control Panel group ([Figure 1.1](#)). You can click this item to access the nView Desktop Manager control panel.

**Figure 1.1** Windows Control Panel with nView Desktop Manager Item

**Note:** There are several additional ways to enable the nView Desktop Manager control panel to configure its various features. For complete details, see “[Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel](#)” on page 40.

## Why Do I Need Desktop Management?

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As users run more and more applications and process even more information, their screen sizes are getting larger and larger. Larger screen area simply makes users more productive.

One of the more cost effective and common ways of increasing screen area is to use multiple displays and/or multiple desktops (for single-display users), which allow you to place your applications on multiple displays having ready and immediate access to the information they contain.

While large screens and multiple displays and desktops are a great way of increasing your visible work area, these larger desktops start becoming more difficult to manage. Once simple operations such as finding your mouse cursor or even a window can become very time-consuming when you have to hunt through several screens.

In addition, using multiple displays results in additional issues such as the screen split between two displays – windows that are placed on this screen split are extremely difficult to read. So, while larger desktop areas promise to dramatically increase your productivity, there are user interface issues that can make it difficult to use at times.

A “desktop manager” manages your large desktop and takes care of many of the user interface issues that result from moving to a larger desktop area. You can

think of a desktop manager as being an extension of the windows user interface tailored for large desktops.

## About nView Desktop Manager

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nView Desktop Manager supports both single-display and multi-display configurations running with single-display, multi-display, or multiple graphics cards based on NVIDIA GPUs.

### Multi-Display Support

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The nView Desktop Manager feature set primarily focuses on multi-display use by workstation users in finance, corporate, **digital content creation (DCC)** and similar organizations as well as in the mobile (laptop) markets. Therefore, to take advantage of the full feature set of the Desktop Manager, you need a multi-display configuration. With multiple displays, you can view a single application as a large window stretching across several displays, or you can display different applications on each monitor. Using a multi-display configuration is an efficient and cost-effective way to increase the size of your computer display area, commonly called the “desktop”.

### Single-Display Support

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nView Desktop Manager is designed for broad applications across the wide range of NVIDIA product lines and markets. Therefore, single-display users can also take advantage of many of its features. Although you cannot use multi-display features in a single-display configuration, you can create multiple desktops and use hot keys, NVKeystone, and windows effects.

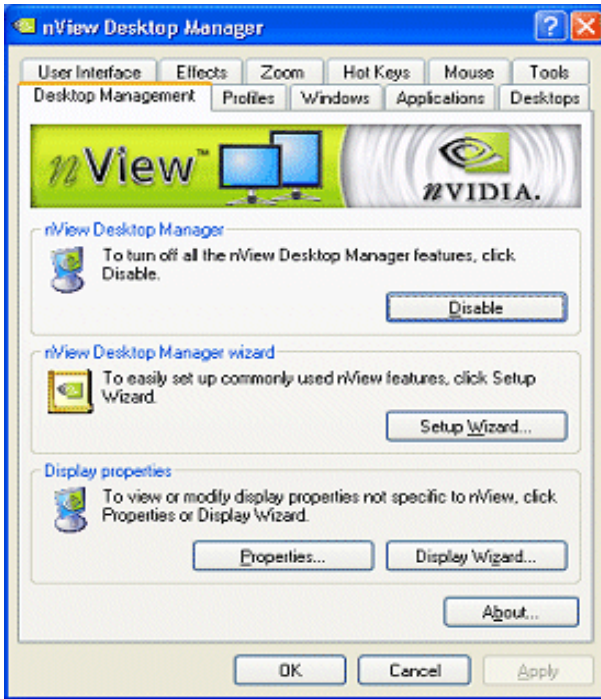
### nView Desktop Manager Control Panel Access

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Beginning with Release 50 of the ForceWare graphics display driver, the nView Desktop Manager control panel is available as a “tabbed” stand alone interface and also integrated with the NVIDIA Display menu, as shown in features accessible from the nView Desktop Manager control panel are also accessible from the NVIDIA Display menu, shown in [Figure 1.2](#).



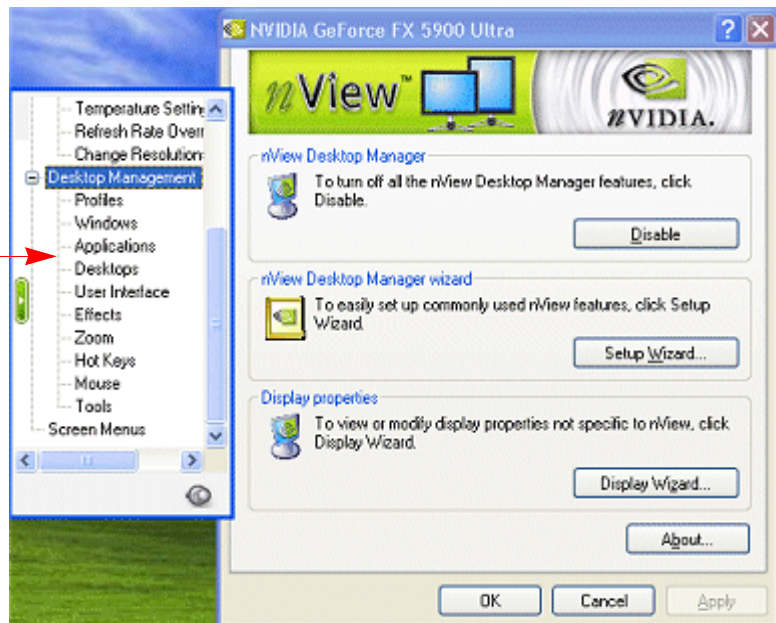
**Figure 1.2** nView Desktop Manager Control Panel — Stand-alone (tabbed) versus NVIDIA Display Menu Style



nView Desktop Manager control panel — stand-alone style with tabs to access individual pages.

nView Desktop Manager control panel — NVIDIA Display menu-style with menu options to access the individual pages.

nView Desktop Manager control panel — integrated in the NVIDIA Display menu



In the current Release 55 NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver, the nView Desktop Manager control panel can be opened as a standalone user interface *and* accessed from the NVIDIA display properties menu because the Desktop Manager control panel options have also been integrated into the NVIDIA display properties control panel menu (Figure 1.2).

Once nView Desktop Manager is enabled, its control panel is easily accessible from a variety of areas on your desktop, as explained in “[Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel](#)” on page 40.

When you *first* open the nView Desktop Manager control panel, the default **Desktop Management** tab is displayed. Once you enable the Enable nView Desktop Manager option, the remaining tabs (or menu items) are available and configurable, as described in “[Features and Benefits](#)” on page 12.

**Note:** Individual chapters in this guide describe the various categories of features to configure.

## Release 55: Current New Features and Support

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### nView Desktop Manager

#### Basic Changes

- Seamless nView support for both 32-bit and 64-bit processes
- Hot key-only mode
- Dual NVKeystone support for independent keystone trapezoids under nView Spanning modes.
- Edge blending luma compensation independent of NVKeystone
- Per-display desktop management — desktops can be switched for each display independently.

#### Feature Changes

- Improved Windows Internet Explorer popup preventer
- Window snapping to display edges as well as other windows
- Support for dragging maximized windows between displays
- nView toolbar updated to support per-display instances
- Improved display gridlines user interface and functionality
- Anchor point targets allow dialog repositioning to user-specified coordinates

## User Interface Changes

- New window caption button for moving windows to the next display
- nView Desktop Manager icon on the Windows system tray indicates the active desktop and allows desktop switching
- Display Schemes Configuration menu, which is a customizable display configuration user interface

## Release 50: New Features and Support

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- **nView toolbar** lets you dock hot keys and other actions — such as desktop switching, mode switching, and profile loading — on a toolbar for easy access.
- **Profiles** can store and load the open application state.
- **Kinematic mouse actions** such as switching to the next or previous desktop can be accomplished by specific mouse movements such as shakes or circular motions. Mouse features also include throw-action detection for a more interactive “movie style” user interface.
- **Resolution per desktop support** allows each desktop can be set to a different resolution.
- **Microsoft Internet Explorer pop-up prevention**
- **Monitor grids** allows display devices to be divided into subgrids, which— for the purposes of geometric operations such as application window maximizing—act as separate display devices.
- **NVKeystone™ luma compensation**
- **Application display exclusions and inclusions** allows the user to set up applications to always launch on a specified monitor, or never launch on a specified monitor.

## Release 50: Performance Improvements and Enhancements

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- **Desktop switching** speed has increased by 40%.
- **Integrated control panel** — The nView Desktop Manager control panel is now consolidated with the NVIDIA Display properties control panel.
- **New nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard** includes mode set support for nView Standard, Clone, Spanning, and Dualview modes.

- **Driver independence** allows nView Desktop Manager to be installed independently of the graphics display driver, with no version interdependencies.

## Release 40: Features and Enhancements

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### Feature Enhancements

The following features have been enhanced in the previous Release 40 NVIDIA nView Desktop Manager:

- **Operating system support** includes Windows NT 4.0, Windows 9x/Me, and Windows 2000/XP.
- **Profile feature** — Display modes are now saved to and loaded from each profile.
- **Multiple desktop support** contains the following new features:
  - Support for multi-display wallpaper selection. (See “[Properties: Changing Wallpaper and Desktop Icons](#)” on page 91.)
  - Graphical display in Windows Explorer shell extension
  - Support for icons to represent desktops. (“[Properties: Changing Wallpaper and Desktop Icons](#)” on page 91.)
  - Support for arbitrary positioning of windows on the desktops
- **Zoom support** includes:
  - New fixed-frame zoom (See “[Fixed Frame](#)” on page 143.)
  - Bi-directional zoom editing capability (See “[Enabling Bi-Directional Editing](#)” on page 144.)

### New Features

The following are features that have been added to the new version of NVIDIA nView Desktop Manager:

- **nView task switcher** — When enabled, nView adds a desktop switcher in addition to the standard application tab switcher. By default, this additional “switch desktop” functionality is accessed through a Alt-~ keystroke combination which you can change through options in the Hot Key page. See “[Enable nView Task Switcher](#)” on page 110.
- **Color-keyed windows** allows the user to color key windows for easy identification when activating them on the desktop. See “[Enable Windows Color Keying](#)” on page 137.

- **NVKeystone** allows real-time image correction on portable projectors and heads-up displays. (NVKeystone is not supported on graphics cards based on the TNT, TNT2 or Vanta product families.)

For example, NVKeystone can be set to compensate for keystone effects on your windows display, allowing you to fix distorted projection images. This feature is primarily for laptop (mobile) computers.

See “[Accessing NVKeystone](#)” on page 171.

- **Taskbar and Menu Transparency.** See “[Using Effects](#)” on page 134.
- **New window actions**, such as Collapse
- **New applications settings**, including a full set of application launch and disable settings. See “[Managing Applications: For Advanced Users](#)” on page 176.

## Key Terms and Concepts

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Desktop Manager can manage and control many items on your desktop. Generally, it operates on two types of desktop objects – “windows” or “applications”.

### application

An application (or program) can have any number of windows. Some applications have only a single window such as Calculator or Notepad. Other applications can have many windows such as Outlook where you can open several E-mail windows, have your Inbox open, open calendars, etc.

Desktop Manager can perform operations on applications as well as windows. In the case of applications, the operation is performed on every window that is part of that application *only if* the operation is enabled through the Individual Settings feature of that application.

If you run multiple copies of an application, any operation you perform on a copy of the application will apply to every copy of the application that is running.

### child window

A child window refers to any “sub” window of the main or “parent” application window. For example, in the Microsoft Excel application, you can open several worksheets at once inside the main Excel window. Each worksheet is a child window of Excel.

## Control Panel (Windows)

You can access the **Windows Control Panel** window by clicking **Start > Settings > Control Panel** from the Windows desktop taskbar.

## control panel (NVIDIA Display Properties)

The NVIDIA Display Properties “control panel” (shown in [Figure 1.2](#)) refers to the entire NVIDIA GPU-tabbed window, including the fly-out NVIDIA menu.

## control panel (nView Desktop Manager)

The nView Desktop Manager “control panel” refers to the entire nView Desktop Manager properties window (shown in [Figure 1.2](#)) from which you configure nView Desktop Manager settings.

**Note:** nView Desktop Manager is also clickable icon in the Windows Control Panel group of icons. When you click this icon, the nView Desktop Manager “control panel” appears.

## desktop

A “desktop” is the on-screen work area on which windows, icons, menus, and dialog boxes appear. You can create multiple desktops on single-display systems or multi-display systems, thereby increasing your work area.

## dialog box

Dialog boxes are user-input windows that contain command (buttons) and various kinds of options through which you can carry out a particular command or task. For example, in a Windows application “Save As” dialog box, you must indicate the folder to contain the document to be saved and the name of that document when saving it.

Also see the definition of “[modal dialog box](#)” and “[modeless dialog box](#)” on this page.

## dual-card configuration

A setup where two or more display devices are connected to two NVIDIA GPU-based graphics cards installed in the computer.

## GPU

**graphics processing unit (GPU).** NVIDIA graphics chip products are called GPUs. Supported NVIDIA GPUs are listed in “[Supported NVIDIA GPUs](#)” on [page 26](#).

## keystoning (NVKeystone)

Keystoning describes the distortion that occurs when your display is projected onto a curved surface or is projected at an oblique angle to a surface.

For example, if a projector were used to project an image on a flat wall, the projector would ideally be set up to point straight at the wall. If you then angled the projector right or left, you would see the image on the wall distort.

As a second example, if you projected your image onto a curved wall instead of a flat wall, you would also see your image distorted. This type of distortion is called “keystoning.”

The nView Desktop Manager feature called **NVKeystone** that can compensate for this effect. For details on using this feature, see [“Using Tools Options” on page 169](#).

## modal dialog box

A dialog box that puts you in the state or “mode” of being able to work only in the dialog box. You can move a modal dialog box but cannot reposition it behind other application windows. You cannot make a modal dialog box inactive. You can only close the dialog box by clicking one of its buttons.

## modeless dialog box

You can move a modeless dialog box, make it inactive and active again, and close it.

## multiple-graphics card configuration

A setup where two or more display devices are connected to two (or more) NVIDIA GPU-based graphics cards in the computer.

## multi-display configuration

A setup where two or more display devices are connected to either a multi-display NVIDIA GPU-based graphics card in the computer; *or* two (or more) NVIDIA GPU-based graphics cards in the computer.

## parent window

A “parent” window refers to the “main” default launch window that you see when an application opens. For example, in the Microsoft Outlook application, the main window is your “Inbox”, since that’s the first window that launches when you open Outlook.

## single-display configuration

A setup where only one display device is connected to the NVIDIA GPU-based graphics card in your computer.



**skin**

A file that customizes the “look and feel” of the Windows graphical user interface.

**tab**

Individual Desktop Manager “tabs” (i.e., Profiles, Effects, Windows, Hot Keys, and Desktops) are available from the nView Desktop Manager control panel.

**window**

A “window” is any independent window on your desktop. Applications such as Outlook or Explorer may have several windows, which are all part of the same application. Windows can be dragged around the screen, opened and closed, and resized. Desktop Manager allows you to do even more with windows such as make them transparent or force them always to be on top of other windows.

**window class**

*(For advanced users only.)*

Every type of window shown on your desktop has what is called a “window class” that describes the type of window it is. These window classes are shared between different applications. Normally, this window class information is hidden from users as there is no need to know it. nView Desktop Manager, however, allows you to perform operations on window classes as well as applications. This allows nView Desktop Manager to be set up to treat certain types or classes of windows differently. Because window classes are shared between applications, by individually configuring a particular window class, you can modify behavior for all applications that use windows of that class.

For example, all dialog boxes have a window class of #32770. nView Desktop Manager can be set up to disable transparency for all #32770 class windows. The effect of this would be that no dialog boxes from any application would ever be transparent.

For details on using this feature, see [“Managing Applications: For Advanced Users” on page 176](#).

## Features and Benefits

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The Desktop Manager application engine consists of several features that manage windows, desktops, displays, applications, hot keys, and window effects. This section provides an overview of the key functions in terms of these features.

For details on these features and how to use them, refer to individual chapters in this guide.

**Note:** A few features may be restricted to users with System Administrator access privileges under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4 and will be noted as such, where applicable in this guide.

## Desktop-Management Features

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When you first launch nView Desktop Manager, the Desktop Management page appears. It provides the following information and features:

- nView Desktop Manager file name, description, and version information
- Lets you toggle between enabling and disabling nView Desktop Manager
- Gives you quick access to the Desktop Manager Setup Wizard
- Gives you quick access to the Windows Display Properties Settings page

## Window-Management Features

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The window-management features are available on the **Windows** page of nView Desktop Manager control panel.

**Multi-display** features allow you to:

- Configure your system to prevent windows from stretching across (spanning) displays
- Configure where dialog boxes pop up on your desktop. You can have them appear centered on the display device on which your cursor is displayed
- and much more...

For complete details on using Windows Management features, see [“Managing Windows”](#) on page 80.

## Desktops Features

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Using the **Desktops** page of the nView Desktop Manager control panel, you can perform the following tasks:

- Create up to 32 different desktops, each with its own background. Use multiple desktops to reduce the clutter on your desktop – you can group similar applications on different desktops and quickly switch between them.
- Open and move applications between different desktops and switch between desktops with a single keystroke

- Configure multiple-desktop options, including:
  - Set per desktop resolutions
  - Show the desktop name while switching desktops
  - Show your desktops, including a graphical birds-eye view of each desktop within Windows Explorer
- Manage your desktop in several ways to suite your style. You can access and, therefore, switch between desktops using various methods, including:
  - **Hot keys**
  - Right clicking on a desktop
  - **Desktop Explorer** — a folder tree in Windows Explorer
  - Menu options from an **NVIDIA Settings icon** on your Windows taskbar
  - A desktop **nView toolbar** (enabled from the **User Interface** page) that can be floated or docked to your Windows taskbar
  - **nView task switcher** (enabled from the **User Interface** page)

For complete details on using Desktops Management features, see [“Managing Desktops” on page 85](#).

## Application Management

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The application management functionality of nView Desktop Manager is available from the Applications page. You can use the options on the Applications page to do the following tasks:

- Perform operations on entire applications, such as moving an entire application to a desktop or to a monitor.
- Set up your Window Manager to function differently for different applications. For example, you may never want a Word window to span multiple displays; however, you may want a spreadsheet, such as Excel windows, to span multiple displays so you can see all the columns.
- Save all your customized Desktop Manager settings for an application when you close it and restore them when you reopen the application.

For example, if you enable the **Individual Settings** feature, the application manager can remember if you closed the Microsoft Word application on your second desktop and whether or not the Word window was transparent when you closed it. When you re-open Word, it automatically opens on your second desktop and have transparency enabled.

Using this feature, you can also specify that Word always launches on a specific desktop with a specific state (such as **Transparent** or **Always on top**).

- **Extend certain applications.** While every window under Desktop Manager has an extended menu giving options such as transparency or desktop visibility, certain applications such as Internet Explorer 6.0 have additional nView menu options allowing you to be more productive with the application.

## Profiles Features

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You can quickly set up the Desktop Manager using the **Profiles** page on the nView Desktop Manager control panel.

Desktop Manager lets you save a snapshot of *all* desktop management settings to the disk, including all individual application, NVKeystone, and other settings to a data file called a “profile”. In addition, profiles can save and restore display mode, system power profile, and Windows taskbar location. Display mode information includes the number and position of enabled display device, each display device’s refresh rate, resolution, color depth, etc. For details, see [Types of Data Saved and Restored by a Profile](#) below.

**Note:** Beginning with the NVIDIA Release 50 driver, under NVIDIA Quadro-based graphics cards, profiles can also save and load more than eight open application states. This number is limited to eight under NVIDIA non-Quadro-based graphics cards.

You can then reload your profile on any computer at any point in the future. If you switch computers, upgrade your operating system, or are configuring an office, you can simply save all your settings to a profile and then load those settings on any computer that you want.

**Note:** **If you are using an NVIDIA Quadro-based graphics card**, the nView Desktop Manager installation comes with several pre-defined profiles to get you started quickly. These profiles contain the basic settings for different user levels and industries. You can start with one of these pre-defined profiles and tailor it to your own needs.

## Types of Data Saved and Restored by a Profile

Specific types of NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver and display mode settings that can be saved in a profile are:

- **Graphics Driver Settings**
  - Desktop colors
  - Performance and quality settings, including OpenGL and Direct3D

- Overlap and edge blending settings (applies to Quadro FX-based graphics cards)
- Overlay and full screen video settings
- **Desktop Management Settings include:**
- **Open application state**
- **Desktop Management**
- **Display mode information**
  - Taskbar position
  - Computer power state

## Saving Profiles for Different Operating Modes

If you use a notebook (laptop) computer, you may want Desktop Manager to be set up differently when you are docked than when you are not docked. Using profiles, you can create a docked and undocked profile and switch between them. You can even set up a hot key to load a profile so you can switch with a single keystroke.

Profiles management features are discussed in [“Working With Profiles” on page 67](#)

## User Interface Features

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The nView Desktop Manager **User Interface** options let you customize the user interface that is used on your desktop. Using the User Interface features, you can do the following:

- Control nView Desktop Manager access and notification messages
- Switch between desktops
- Dock profiles, actions, and desktops on an **nView toolbar**
- Define gridlines on each of your monitors, which divides your display area o function as sub-monitors for easily performing tasks involving dialog box repositioning, window spanning and window maximize operations, etc.
- Add application title bar buttons that give you quick and easy access to nView features and also provide feedback about the application state.

For example, the application title bar “maximize” button maximizes an application window to full desktop in Dualview, Clone, and Single-Display mode or a single display screen in nView Horizontal or Vertical Span mode.

- The nView options menu on each application window let you access nView options (features), which can also be customized for individual applications.

The User Interface features are discussed in [“Using the User Interface Options” on page 107](#).

## Tools Features

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For details on using the Tools features, see [“Using Tools Options” on page 169](#).

The nView Desktop Manager toolbox includes several utilities designed to solve specific user problems. You can use tools, such as “NVKeystone” and “flat panel calibration” to improve your display quality. Utilities include anti-keystoning support and flat panel monitor calibration screens are designed to improve windows multi-display features.

The Tools page contains the following key features:

- **NVKeystone** can be set to compensate for keystoning effects on your windows display, allowing you to fix distorted projection images. This feature is primarily for laptop (mobile) computers.
- **Analog flat panel calibration** displays a screen on your display optimized for your flat panel’s auto-calibrate feature allowing for improved image quality during the “auto-sync” process.
- **Automatically align displays** will snap multiple displays into alignment if they are slightly misaligned. This also fixes certain Windows issues where Windows can sometimes leave small gaps between displays.

## Zoom Features

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The Zoom page shows you a user-definable zoom area of your desktop. Basic Zoom styles include

- **Cursor** – window shows area around cursor.
- **Magnifying Glass** – you can drag the zoom window around to zoom the area of the desktop on which you place the zoom window.
- **Fixed Frame** – lets you define a fixed zoom source for the window.

Other zoom features include:

- Using the mouse wheel to dynamically change zoom levels
- Using the auto-move feature to keep the zoom window out of your way.
- Using bi-directional zoom editing to edit through your zoom window.
- Inverting colors of the zoomed image for better visibility.

For additional details, see [“Using Zoom Options” on page 140](#).

## Hot Keys and Effects Features

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The **Effects** and **Hot Key** page options offer additional enhancements, including:

- Faster opening and closing of windows
- Making windows transparent when dragged and making the taskbar transparent  
**Note:** The transparency level is a global level affecting all applications. Note that this value is one which can be individualized for an application
- A “zoom” tool that lets you see a zoomed view of the area around the cursor. You can even use the zoom tool like a *magnifying glass* and drop it on top of what you want to magnify on the desktop
- A full set of hot keys. Virtually every action from toggling a window to be transparent to jumping to a different desktop can be assigned to a hot key.
- For NVIDIA Quadro-based cards, the color keying feature allows you to color windows with different borders, which is most useful with individual application settings and hot keys

For details on using the above features, see the following chapters, as appropriate:

- [“Using Zoom Options” on page 140](#)
- [“Using Effects” on page 134](#)
- [“Using Hot Keys” on page 154.](#)

## Mouse Features

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The **Mouse** page of the nView Desktop Manager control panel lets you configure a variety of mouse-related actions for easier navigation.

A few *key features* are described here:

- The **throw window action** allows you the “throw” a window to a screen edge using your mouse.
- **Throw Sensitivity** can be adjusted using a slider
- The **Jump dead screen areas** option will cause the mouse to jump dead areas in non-rectangular multi-display configurations as long as you are moving your mouse at a reasonable speed.
- **Toggle window Z-order with middle mouse button** option does the same as the hot key only with the mouse and to the window that contains the cursor.



- **Auto-activate windows under cursor** – does just that
- **Kinematics** and **gestures** features allow you to
  - Assign mouse movements to trigger different actions (same actions as hot keys)
  - Adjust the gestures with a **Gesture Sensitivity** slider
  - Use a key press to control these actions

## Setup Wizard and Online Help

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- A **Setup Wizard** helps you get started with Desktop Manager.
- On-line **Help** displays context-sensitive help when using Desktop Manager configuration options.

## Application Compatibility

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While the vast majority of applications are compatible with desktop and windows management, there are some applications that are not. If Desktop Manager detects these types of applications, it will not attempt to manage them. Depending upon the level of compatibility of the application, Desktop Manager may offer varying levels of functionality.

Functionality that may be disabled for these applications includes support for Transparency and Individual Settings features, window position management, nView Desktop Manger menu options, and/or multiple desktop support.

If an application window supports the nView Options Menu, but does not support certain Desktop Manager functions, a menu item called **About this app...** is added to the application's nView option menu. In this case, you can click on this menu item to display information about the features that have been disabled for the application.

If you have any nView title bar buttons enabled, then an nView application status indicator appears to the left of the nView buttons. If the application does not support certain nView functions, this indicator will be red; otherwise it will be black. If the indicator is red, you can click it to display information about the features that have been disabled for this application. For further details, see [“Using the User Interface Options” on page 107](#).

## Examples of Incompatible Applications

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Examples of application windows that do not support certain Desktop Manager features include:

- **Command prompt (DOS window)** under all operating systems. (All desktop management features are disabled.)
- **Solitaire and Freecell** under Windows Me. (All window management features are disabled.)
- **Microsoft PowerPoint.** (The transparency feature is disabled.)

## Skining Utilities: Known Issues

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If you use skins, Desktop Manager has been tested with several commonly available “skinning” utilities with no known compatibility issues other than those listed below.

Some skins *do not* expose the application window’s system menu on its window frame (title bar). As a result, the nView options menu can only be accessed from either a title bar button (see [“Adding Title Bar Buttons” on page 119](#)) or a hot key but not from the application window’s system menu.

However, you can still access the nView options menu by right clicking the application on the taskbar. For details on the methods available for accessing an application’s system menu, see [“Adding “nView Options” to Application System Menus” on page 124](#).

## Notes on Feature and Configuration Support

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### Feature Support

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- To access NVIDIA nView-based features using the nView Desktop Manager driver, you need
  - a multi-display graphics card based on any of the NVIDIA GPUs that support multiple displays on a single graphics card, as indicated in [Table 2.5](#), and
  - at least two display devices connected to the card.
- Other non-nView features are supported by either single-display or multi-display NVIDIA GPU-based cards; i.e., you can connect only one display device, such as a monitor, and access these features, provided the NVIDIA GPU supports these features.
- The options shown in the NVIDIA Display control panel may vary depending on the specific NVIDIA GPU-based graphics cards you are using. For example, one or more options that are available for a specific GPU-based card, such as a GeForce FX, may not be available on a GeForce4, and so on.

## Multi-Display Configuration: Tips and Requirements

- When running Windows XP or Windows 2000 with more than two active displays, using “Dualview” mode is strongly recommended.
- When running Windows with multiple cards (i.e., two or more NVIDIA GPU-based graphics card are installed in your computer), note the following:
  - Using cards based on the *same* NVIDIA GPU is strongly recommended.
  - The same NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver (version) *must* be installed for each card.

**Note:** For details on using multi-display modes, see the *ForceWare Release 50 Graphics Driver: User’s Guide*.

## Multi-Display Mode and Feature Support

Table 1.1 lists details of supported operating system modes and Desktop Manager features for Windows 2000, XP, and 9x.

**Table 1.1** Multi-Display Mode and Feature Support

Supported Modes and Features	Windows XP	Windows 2000	Windows NT 4.0	Windows 9x
Is there nView Dualview support (default) for up to nine (9) display devices?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is nView Clone mode supported?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Are nView Span (Horizontal/Vertical) modes supported? <b>Note:</b> In Span mode, a maximum of two (2) display devices are supported.	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA
Does switching between nView Span/Clone mode and nView Dualview mode require restarting your computer?	No	Yes	Yes	NA
Are all nView Desktop Manager features supported?	Yes	Yes	Yes, except transparency, mouse, application bar, gridlines, and NVKeystone features	Yes, except transparency, gridlines, and mouse features.

**Table 1.1** Multi-Display Mode and Feature Support (continued)

Supported Modes and Features	Windows XP	Windows 2000	Windows NT 4.0	Windows 9x
Hardware Acceleration? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DirectX operations are accelerated if window is constrained to a single monitor otherwise operation is redirected to the software.</li> <li>OpenGL support</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	<b>DirectX: Yes</b> <b>OpenGL:</b> Acceleration is disabled in Multiview mode.	Yes

## Examples in this Guide

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- For example purposes, the NVIDIA Display control panel pages show a specific NVIDIA GPU-based graphics card. You may be using a different NVIDIA GPU-based graphics card, in which case you will see the exact name of the GPU you are using reflected in the NVIDIA GPU tab.
- As noted earlier, the current NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver allows access to the nView Desktop Manager control panel as a “tabbed” standalone user interface *as well as* menu options in the NVIDIA Display menu (Figure 1.2).

The example nView Desktop Manager control panel pages in this guide will generally show the tabbed version of the control panel instead of the NVIDIA Display menu version. See Figure 1.2, “nView Desktop Manager Control Panel — Stand-alone (tabbed) versus NVIDIA Display Menu Style” on page 5.

- The Windows XP pages shown in this document apply also to Windows 2000 functionality, *unless noted otherwise*.
- The Windows Me pages shown in this document also apply also to Windows 98/95 functionality, *unless noted otherwise*.

## CHAPTER

## 2

# SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

This chapter contains discusses the following topics:

- “Operating Systems” on page 23
- “Minimum Hard Disk Space” on page 24
- “Software: NVIDIA ForceWare Graphics Display Driver” on page 25
- “Optional Software: Internet Explorer” on page 25
- “Optional: Power User Access Privileges” on page 25

## Operating Systems

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This release of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver is designed for the Microsoft Windows operating systems listed in [Table 2.1](#).

**Table 2.1** Operating System Requirements

Operating System	Minimum Requirements
Windows XP Home	
Windows XP Professional	
Windows XP Media Center Edition	
Windows XP Media Center Edition 2004	
Windows Server 2003 SP1 for 64-Bit Extended Systems	
Windows XP 2003 64-Bit Edition for 64-Bit Extended Systems	
Windows 2000	
Windows NT 4.0	Service Pack 6

**Table 2.1** Operating System Requirements (continued)

Operating System	Minimum Requirements
Windows Me	
Windows 98	Microsoft DirectX™ 5
Windows 95	OSR2 (OEM Service Release 2) with USB supplement for AGP support Microsoft OPENGL32 . DLL Microsoft DirectX 5

**Note:** Windows 95, 98, and Me are collectively called Windows 9x in this guide.

## Minimum Hard Disk Space

The minimum hard disk space requirements for each operating system are listed in [Table 2.2](#), [Table 2.3](#), and [Table 2.4](#).

**Table 2.2** Hard Disk Space Requirements — English

Operating System	Minimum Disk Space Required
Windows XP	21.1 MB
Windows 2000	19.2 MB
Windows NT	15.0 MB
Windows Me	18.7 MB
Windows 98	19.3 MB
Windows 95	19.3 MB

**Table 2.3** Hard Disk Space Requirements — Non-English Languages

Operating System	Minimum Requirements
Windows XP	24.9 MB
Windows 2000	24.9 MB
Windows NT	24.8 MB
Windows Me	24.8 MB
Windows 98	24.8 MB
Windows 95	24.8 MB

**Table 2.4** Hard Disk Space Requirements — Full International Package

Operating System	Minimum Requirements
Windows XP	34.2 MB
Windows 2000	34.2 MB

**Table 2.4** Hard Disk Space Requirements — Full International Package

Operating System	Minimum Requirements
Windows NT	29.4 MB
Windows Me	33.0 MB
Windows 98	33.0 MB
Windows 95	33.0 MB

## Software: NVIDIA ForceWare Graphics Display Driver

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Make sure the current version of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver software for your Windows operating system has been installed on your computer.

Consult your System Administrator if you are unsure about the version that is installed.

For further information on driver installation, see [“ForceWare Driver Installation and NVIDIA Display Menu Access”](#) on page 29.

## Optional Software: Internet Explorer

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You must have *Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or later version* installed in order to access the “Desktop Explorer” feature as well as specific nView Menu Options that are available for Internet Explorer. See [“Internet Explorer Options”](#) on page 185.

## Optional: Power User Access Privileges

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You can use nView Desktop Manager with or without Windows Power User access privileges.

**Note:** Certain Profiles features require Power User access privileges under Windows 2000/XP/NT 4.0. For details, see [“Working With Profiles”](#) on page 67.



## Hardware: Supported NVIDIA Products

Table 2.5 lists the NVIDIA products supported by the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver and the number of displays the GPU-based graphics card supports.

**Note:** Some Desktop Manager features support only certain NVIDIA GPU-based graphics card, as notes in this table and where applicable in this guide.

**Note:** The Desktop Manager “transparency” feature works best with NVIDIA GPUs that have better performance than GeForce2 GTS.

**Table 2.5** Supported NVIDIA GPUs

NVIDIA Desktop Products	NVIDIA Workstation Products	Number of Displays Supported Per Card
nForce™2 S nForce2 ST nForce2 G nForce2		2— applies to all GPUs in this category.
nForce 420/420D nForce 220/220D		1— applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce FX 5950 Ultra		2 — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce FX 5700 Ultra GeForce FX 5700 GeForce FX Go5700	Quadro FX 1100	2 — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce FX 5900 GeForce FX 5900 Ultra GeForce FX 5950	Quadro FX 3000	2 — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce FX 5200 Ultra GeForce FX 5200 GeForce FX Go5100 GeForce FX Go5200	Quadro FX 500 Quadro NVS 280 PCI	2 — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce FX 5600 Ultra GeForce FX 5600 GeForce FX 5600 SE GeForce FX Go5600	Quadro FX Go700	2 — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce FX 5800 Ultra GeForce FX 5800	Quadro FX 2000 Quadro FX 1000	2 — applies to all GPUs in this category.

**Table 2.5** Supported NVIDIA GPUs (continued)

<b>NVIDIA Desktop Products</b>	<b>NVIDIA Workstation Products</b>	<b>Number of Displays Supported Per Card</b>
GeForce4 Ti 4800 GeForce4 Ti 4800 SE GeForce4 Ti 4200 GeForce4 4200Go	Quadro4 980 XGL Quadro4 780 XGL Quadro4 Go700	<b>2</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce4 Ti 4600 GeForce4 Ti 4400 GeForce4 Ti 4200 GeForce4 440 Go GeForce4 420 Go GeForce4 410 Go	Quadro4 900 XGL Quadro4 750 XGL Quadro4 700 XGL	<b>2</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce3 GeForce3 Ti 500 GeForce3 Ti 200	Quadro DCC	<b>1</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce4 MX 440 GeForce4 MX 440 SE GeForce4 MX 420 x	Quadro4 580 XGL Quadro NVS 280 Quadro4 380 XGL	<b>2</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce4 MX 460 GeForce4 MX 440 GeForce4 MX 440-SE GeForce4 MX 420	Quadro4 550 XGL Quadro NVS 200	<b>2</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
	Quadro NVS 400	<b>4</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce2 Ti GeForce2 Ultra GeForce2 Pro GeForce2 GTS	Quadro2 Pro	<b>1</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce2 MX GeForce2 MX400 GeForce2 MX200 GeForce2 MX100 GeForce2 Go	Quadro2 MXR Quadro2 EX Quadro2 Go	<b>2</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
GeForce 256	Quadro	<b>1</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
NVIDIA RIVA TNT2™ Ultra NVIDIA RIVA TNT2 Pro NVIDIA RIVA TNT2 NVIDIA RIVA TNT2 M64 NVIDIA Vanta™ NVIDIA Vanta LT	---	<b>1</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.
NVIDIA RIVA TNT™	---	<b>1</b> — applies to all GPUs in this category.

## Supported Languages

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The following languages are supported by the NVIDIA Display control panel and the nView Desktop Manager control panel.

English (USA)	German	Portuguese (Brazil)
English (UK)	Greek	Portuguese (Euro/Iberian)
Arabic	Hebrew	Russian
Chinese (Simplified)	Hungarian	Slovak
Chinese (Traditional)	Italian	Slovenian
Czech	Japanese	Spanish
Danish	Korean	Spanish (Latin America)
Dutch	Norwegian	Swedish
Finnish	Polish	Thai
French		Turkish

# FORCEWARE DRIVER INSTALLATION AND NVIDIA DISPLAY MENU ACCESS

This chapter contains the following major sections:

- “Before You Begin” on page 29
- “About NVIDIA Driver Installation” on page 30
- “Uninstalling the NVIDIA Driver” on page 33
- “Accessing the NVIDIA Display Properties Control Panel” on page 34
- “Using the NVIDIA Display Menu and Control Panel” on page 36
- “Using the NVIDIA Display Menu Help and Tool Tips” on page 38

## Before You Begin

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In order to access the NVIDIA Display control panel, the latest version of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver for your Windows operating system must be installed on your computer.

- If you do not have System Administrator access privileges, it is assumed that the appropriate person with System Administrator access in your organization will set up and install the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver software on your computer.
- This chapter discusses the installation process but does not provide step-by-step instructions on how to perform an actual installation.

## About NVIDIA Driver Installation

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NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver installation provides both an **.inf** file-based installation method and an InstallShield (**setup.exe**) Wizard-based installation method.

**Note:** Under Windows 2000, the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver is installed in Span mode. If you are running under Windows 2000, you will need to follow additional steps to install and uninstall nView Dualview mode. For details, refer to the chapter on “Using Multi-Display Modes” in the *NVIDIA ForceWare Graphics Driver: User's Guide* — Release 55 driver version.

### File Locations

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- The installation process copies all necessary files for operation into the appropriate directories.
- The nView system files are copied to your **Windows\System** directory.
- nView Desktop Manager “profile” (**.tvp**) files are saved in the **Windows\nView** directory. See “[Preserving Settings Before Upgrading Your Software](#)” on page 30.

**Note:** Depending on the version of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver previously installed, profiles may also be located in the **Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\nView\_Profiles** directory.

- As part of the installation process, an uninstall is registered in your system.

### Preserving Settings Before Upgrading Your Software

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Before uninstalling or installing software, you can preserve your nView Desktop Manager and/or NVIDIA Display properties settings by using the nView Desktop Manager **Profiles** features.

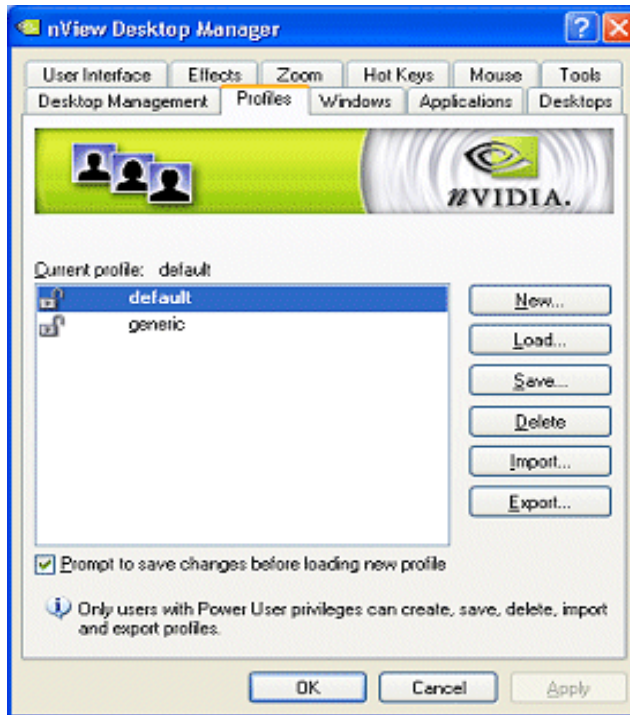
**Note:** Follow the steps below and/or refer to the *nView Desktop Manager 3.5 User's Guide* for details. Under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4.0, you must have, at least, **Power User** access privileges in order to create or save a profile. (Refer to Windows Help if you need an explanation of Power User access rights.)

Follow the steps below and/or refer to “[Creating a Profile](#)” on page 75 or “[Saving a Profile](#)” on page 76 for details.

- 1 Open the nView Desktop Manager Profiles page ([Figure 3.1](#)).

- To preserve your current settings, you can use either the **Save** or the **New** option from the nView Desktop Manager **Profiles** page:

**Figure 3.1** Sample Profiles Page



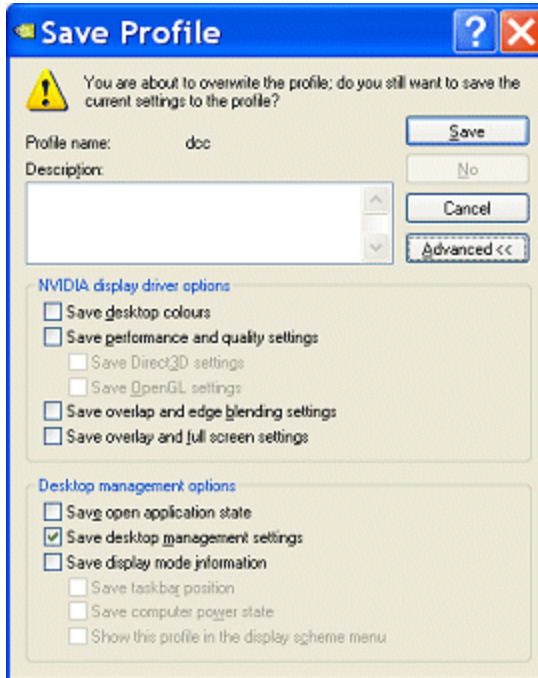
- If you want to *overwrite* the currently loaded profile with your changed settings, use the **Save** option. Notice that a warning message indicates that you are about to overwrite the selected profile.
  - If you want to retain the currently loaded profile and want to save your changed settings to a new file, click the **New** option. Enter a name and description of the profile in the New Profile dialog box. For example, you can name this profile “My Settings”.
- If you are an “advanced” user and want to customize certain settings in the saved profile, click **Advanced** << to expand the dialog box (Figure 3.2).
  - To customize the settings, you can select or clear any of the settings check boxes.
  - Click **Save** to return to the main Profiles page.

If you created a new profile, you will see the name of the newly created profile in the profiles list.

If you overwrite a current profile, the same profile name is retained in the list.

**Note:** nView Desktop Manager profile (.tvp) files are generally saved in the **Windows\nView** directory. Depending on the version of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver previously installed, profiles may also be saved in the **Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\nView\_Profiles** directory.

**Figure 3.2** Save Profile Dialog Box



- 6 Now you can uninstall your current driver for a driver upgrade.
- 7 After you restart your computer following an NVIDIA new driver install, you can easily load the saved profile from the **Profiles** page of nView Desktop Manager.

## About Using Saved Profiles in Another Computer

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You can easily use any saved profile (.tvp file in the **Windows\nView**) from one computer and use it in another computer, if you want. You'll need to copy it to the **Windows\nView** directory of a computer that has the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver, etc. installed properly. Then this profile can be loaded from another computer from the nView Desktop Manager Profiles page just as it can from your original computer.

## Uninstalling the NVIDIA Driver

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**Note:** It is strongly recommended that you follow the steps in this section to completely uninstall the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver before installing a new version of the driver.

To uninstall the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver, follow these steps:

- 1 From the Windows taskbar, click **Start > Settings > Control Panel** to open the Control Panel window.
- 2 Double click the **Add/Remove Programs** item.
- 3 Click the **NVIDIA Display Driver** item from the list.
- 4 Click **Change/Remove**.
- 5 Click **Yes** to continue.

A prompt appears asking whether you want to delete all of the saved nView profiles.

- If you click **Yes**, all of the nView software and all of your saved profiles will be deleted.
- If you click **No**, the nView software is removed, but the profile file are saved in the **Windows\nView** directory on your hard disk.
- Your system now restarts.
  - If you click **Yes**, all of the nView software and all of your saved profiles will be deleted.
  - If you click **No**, the nView software is removed, but the profile file are saved in the **Windows\nView** directory on your hard disk.

Your system now restarts.



# Accessing the NVIDIA Display Properties Control Panel

Once your NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver is installed, you can easily access the driver features from a convenient menu.

Starting with the current Release 55 versions of the NVIDIA driver, you can quickly access the **NVIDIA Display** menu that gives you direct access to the NVIDIA Display control panel pages.

For quick access, you can use either the [Desktop Access](#) or the “[NVIDIA Settings Utility Access](#)” on page 35 access method.

**Note:** When needed, you can still access the NVIDIA Display control panel through the Microsoft Display Properties **Settings > Advanced** option.

## Desktop Access

- 1 Right click from your Windows desktop to open the desktop menu.
- 2 Click **NVIDIA Display** (Figure 3.3).

**Figure 3.3** NVIDIA Display Options on the Windows Desktop (Right-click) Menu



- 3 Choose your display type that appears, based on the number and type of display device(s) that are connected to your computer. You will see one or more of these options:
  - **Analog display**
  - **Digital display**
  - **TV**

The NVIDIA Display menu with panel appears (Figure 3.6).

## NVIDIA Settings Utility Access

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If you have added the NVIDIA Settings icon to your Windows taskbar (option is available on the NVIDIA **Troubleshooting** page), click the NVIDIA Settings icon (Figure 3.4)

**Figure 3.4** Icon for NVIDIA Settings Utility on the Windows Taskbar



**4** Click **NVIDIA Display** (Figure 3.5) and then select a display type that appears. Based on the number and type of display devices that are connected to your computer, you will see one or more of these options:

- **Analog display**
- **Digital display**
- **TV**

**Figure 3.5** NVIDIA Settings Icon — Sample Menu Options



The NVIDIA Display menu with control panel appears (Figure 3.6).

**Note:** The NVIDIA Settings utility also gives you direct access to other NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver settings. For complete details, see the *NVIDIA ForceWare Graphics Driver: User's Guide* — Release 55 driver version.

## Windows Display Properties Setting Access

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You can still access the NVIDIA Display control panel through the Microsoft Display Properties **Settings** > **Advanced** option, if needed.

- 1** Right click from your Windows desktop to open the desktop menu.
- 2** Select **Properties** and then the **Settings** tab.

- 3 Click **Advanced** and then click the NVIDIA GPU tab.

The NVIDIA Display control panel with menu appears (Figure 3.6).

## Using the NVIDIA Display Menu and Control Panel

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From the NVIDIA Display menu, you can access all the NVIDIA Display control panel pages where you can configure the NVIDIA features listed below.

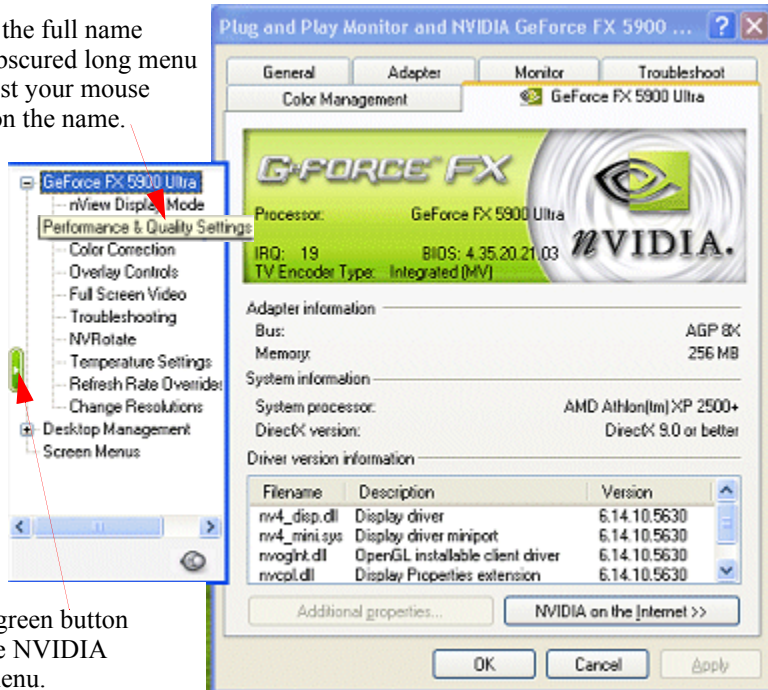
- To see the entire content of the longer menu names in on the NVIDIA Display menu, you can use the scroll bar or use the tool tip feature. See “[Tool Tips](#)” on page 38 and [Figure 3.6](#).
- To toggle between hiding and showing the menu, click the green button on the NVIDIA menu, as shown in [Figure 3.6](#).
- To view any of these pages, simply click a menu option from the NVIDIA Display menu.

**Note:** Desktop Management features are explained in this user's guide. All other display properties features listed here are described in the *NVIDIA ForceWare Graphics Driver: User's Guide* — Release 55 driver version.

- **nView Display Mode** — This option *does not appear* if you have only one display device connected. It appears only when you have more than one display device connected.
- **Performance and Quality Settings.**
- **Overlay Controls**
- **Full Screen Video**
- **Troubleshooting**
- **NVRotate**
- **Temperature Settings.** This option is available on graphics cards based on GeForce FX and certain older GPUs.
- **Refresh Rate Override**
- **Change Resolution**
- **Desktop Manager** — the topic of this user's guide.
- **Screen Menus**

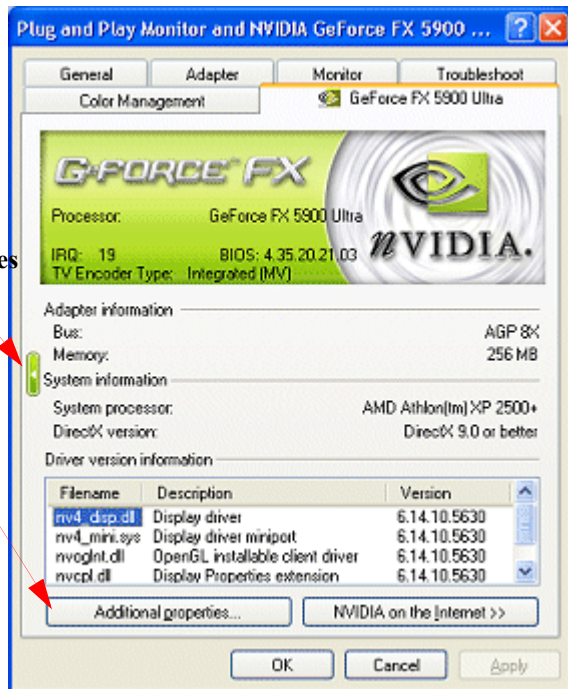
**Figure 3.6** NVIDIA Control Panel and Display Menu — Expanded and Hidden

To view the full name of any obscured long menu item, rest your mouse pointer on the name.



Click the green button to **hide** the NVIDIA Display menu.

Click this **green button** or the **Additional Properties** button to display the NVIDIA Display menu.



# Using the NVIDIA Display Menu Help and Tool Tips

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## Context Help

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You can obtain context Help (Figure 3.7) for any of the options on the NVIDIA control-panel based user interface by using any *one* of these methods:

- Select or move your mouse pointer to the option for which you want help and then press **F1**, *or*
- Click the “?” icon located on the top right corner of an NVIDIA page you have open, move the “?” icon over the option for which you want help, then click your mouse again to display the help.

**Figure 3.7** NVIDIA Display Page — Displaying Context Help



## Tool Tips

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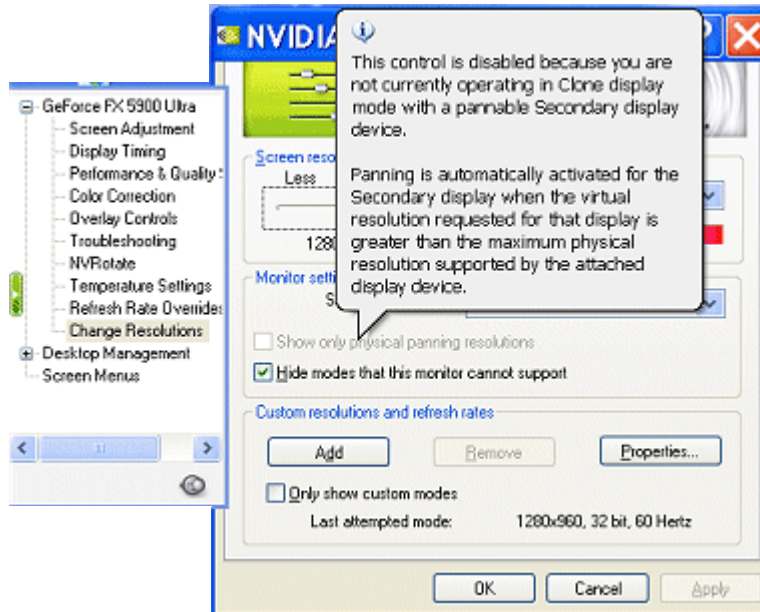
Windows-style tool tip (pop-up) Help appears when you hover your mouse pointer on an item that is partially obscured. For example, you can place your mouse on any of the long NVIDIA menu names that may be partially obscured (such as Performance and Quality Settings) and be able to view the name in its entirety.

## Tool Tips for Disabled Options

As mentioned earlier in Chapter 1, beginning with the current Release 55 NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver, when an option is disabled (grayed out) on any NVIDIA Display control panel page, you can place the mouse pointer on the disabled option for a couple of seconds to see “tool tip” help describing the reason it is disabled, etc.

An example of this kind of tool tip Help is shown in Figure 3.8.

**Figure 3.8** NVIDIA Display Page — Displaying Tool Tip for Disabled Options



# ENABLING AND ACCESSING THE nVIEW DESKTOP MANAGER CONTROL PANEL

This chapter contains the following major sections:

- “Accessing and Enabling nView Desktop Manager from the Windows Control Panel” on page 40
- “Enabling and Accessing Desktop Manager from the NVIDIA Display Menu” on page 42
- “Using nView Desktop Manager from the Windows Taskbar” on page 44
- “Troubleshooting” on page 47
- “Accessing nView Desktop Manager Control Panel and Desktops from the Windows Desktop Menu” on page 47

**Note:** Several Desktop Manager functions such as performing operations on multiple windows within an application require Desktop Manager to be loaded before you start the application.

## Accessing and Enabling nView Desktop Manager from the Windows Control Panel

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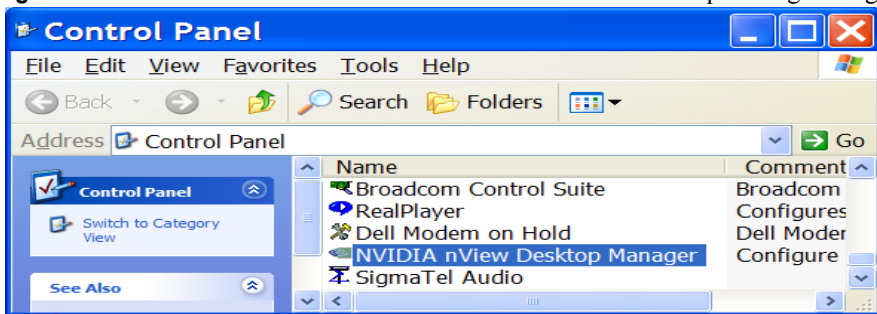
To access nView Desktop Manager settings from the Windows Control Panel, follow these steps:

- 1 From your Windows desktop, click **Start > Settings > Control Panel**.



- From the **Name** column, double-click **NVIDIA nView Desktop Manager** (Figure 4.1) to display the nView Desktop Manager control panel (Figure 4.2).

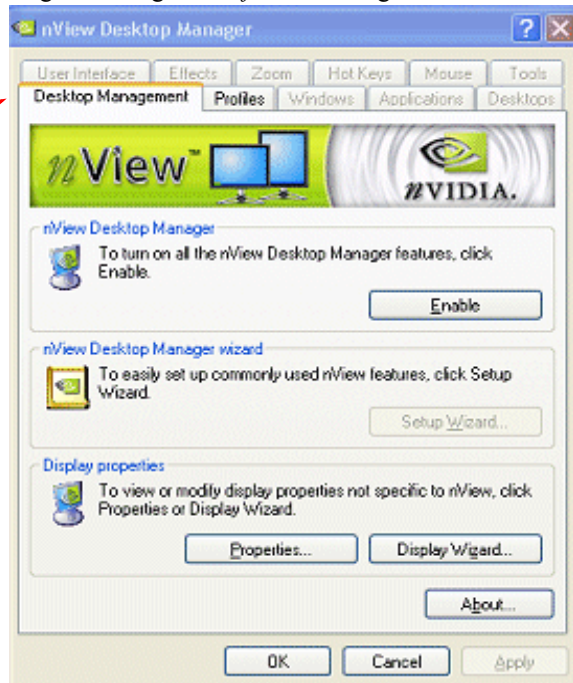
**Figure 4.1** Windows Control Panel With NVIDIA nView Desktop Manager Program



**Figure 4.2** nView Desktop Management Page — *Before* Enabling Features

nView Desktop Manager  
control panel →

Options as tabs →



- From the Desktop Management page, click **Enable**.

The feature tabs are now all enabled, as shown in Figure 4.3.

- It is strongly recommended that you follow an additional step here to add some nView Desktop Manager menu options to your Windows desktop menu for the quickest access to your nView Desktop Manager control panel

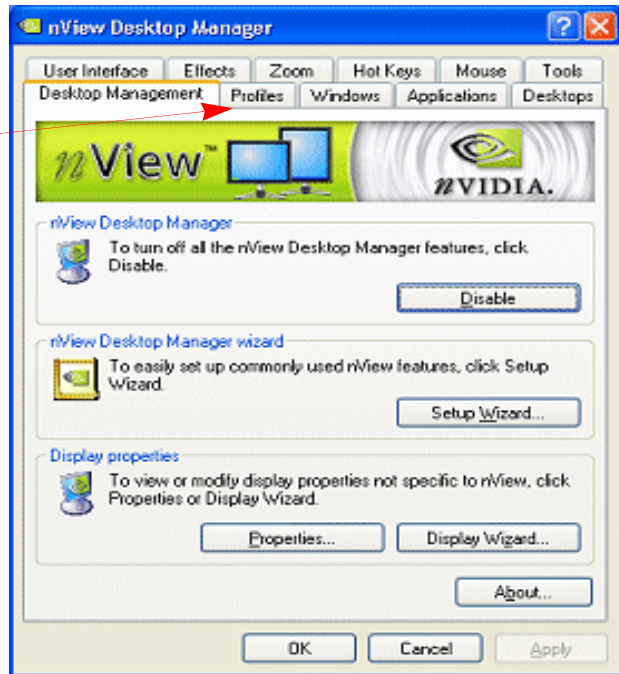


and multiple desktops you may have created. See “Accessing nView Desktop Manager Control Panel and Desktops from the Windows Desktop Menu” on page 47.

**Figure 4.3** nView Desktop Management Page — *After Enabling Features*

nView Desktop Manager  
control panel →

Tabs are enabled →



## Enabling and Accessing Desktop Manager from the NVIDIA Display Menu

Beginning with the Release 50 NVIDIA driver, the nView display properties and the nView Desktop Manager options have been consolidated into one NVIDIA Display menu. Therefore, another way to access the nView Desktop Manager control panel is from the NVIDIA Display menu.

- 1 Right click on your Windows desktop and choose the option for your display device (**NVDisplay** > **Analog Display**, **Digital Display**, or **TV**).
- 2 When the NVIDIA Display menu opens, click the **Desktop Management** menu option to display the Desktop Management page (Figure 4.4).

**Figure 4.4** Desktop Management Page on NVIDIA Display Menu — *Before Enabling Desktop Manager*

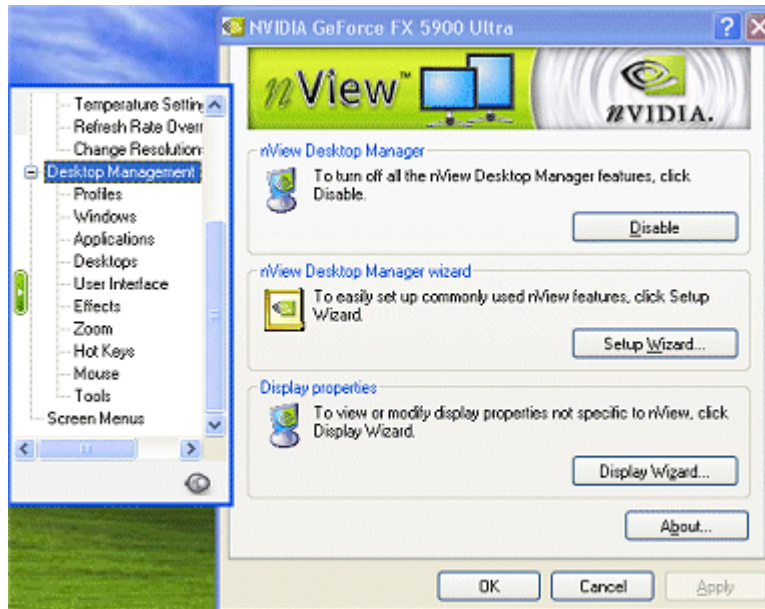


**3** Click **Enable** and click **Apply**.

Figure 4.5 shows a sample Desktop Management page *after* enabling nView Desktop Manager features.

- 4** It is strongly recommended that you follow an additional step here to add some nView Desktop Manager menu options to your Windows desktop menu for the quickest access to your nView Desktop Manager control panel and multiple desktops you may have created. See “[Accessing nView Desktop Manager Control Panel and Desktops from the Windows Desktop Menu](#)” on page 47.

**Figure 4.5** Desktop Management Page on NVIDIA Display Menu — *After* Enabling Desktop Manager



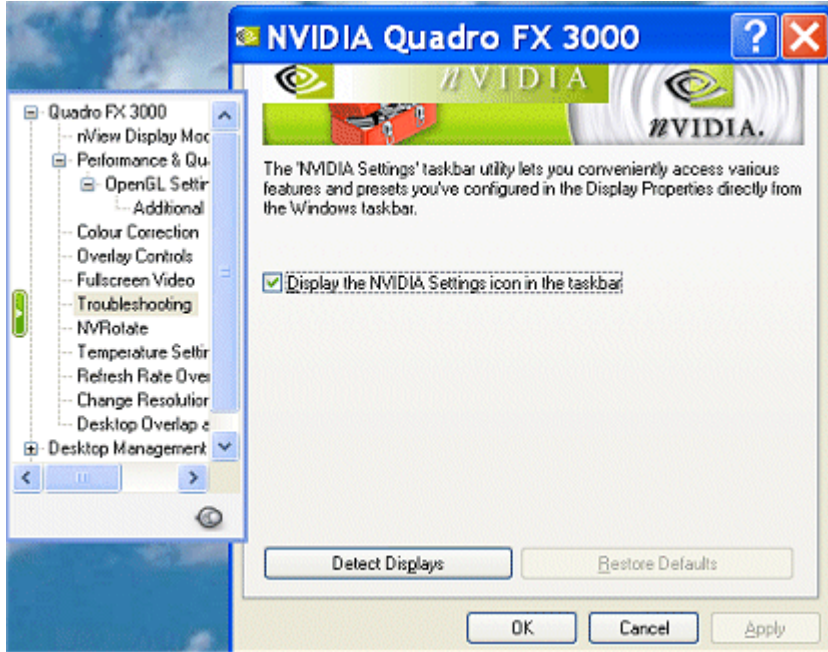
## Using nView Desktop Manager from the Windows Taskbar

The **NVIDIA Settings** utility lets you enable, access, and configure nView Desktop Manager features by clicking an icon from the Windows taskbar.

Using this utility, you can also access various nView display properties options such, OpenGL, Direct3D, Color Correction, and NVRotate, including the Windows Display Properties Settings page.

Follow these steps to enable the NVIDIA Settings icon on the Windows taskbar:

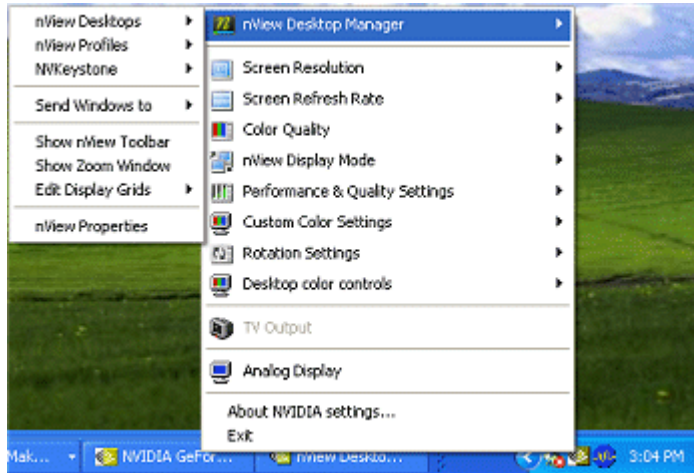
- 1 Right click on your Windows desktop and choose the option for your display device (**NVDisplay** > **Analog Display**, **Digital Display**, or **TV**).
- 2 When the NVIDIA Display menu opens, click the **Troubleshooting** menu option to display the Troubleshooting page (Figure 4.4)

**Figure 4.6** Troubleshooting page — Adding the NVIDIA Settings Icon to Taskbar

- 3 Click to enable the **Display the NVIDIA Settings icon in the taskbar** check box.
- 4 Click **Apply** to add the icon is added to the Windows taskbar as shown in [Figure 4.7](#).

**Figure 4.7** NVIDIA Settings Icon on the Windows Taskbar

- 5 From the Windows taskbar, click the **NVIDIA Settings icon** and then select **nView Desktop Manager** ([Figure 4.8](#)).

**Figure 4.8** NVIDIA Settings Utility Menu: nView Desktop Manager Options

- 6 Then select any of the options that appears.

For example, you can open the nView Desktop Manager control panel by clicking **nView Properties**, view saved profiles with **nView Profiles**, open the nView toolbar by clicking **Show nView toolbar**, view desktops you've created by clicking **nView Desktops**, and many more Desktop Manager tasks.

- 7 At this point, you still may want to consider following an additional step to add some nView Desktop Manager menu options to your Windows desktop menu for the quickest access to your nView Desktop Manager control panel and multiple desktops you may have created.

See “[Accessing nView Desktop Manager Control Panel and Desktops from the Windows Desktop Menu](#)” on page 47.

## Troubleshooting

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If you have trouble accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, you can follow these steps to verify that a current version of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver is installed on your system.

- 1 From your Windows desktop, right click to display the properties menu and then select **Properties > Settings** tab to access the Display Properties Settings page.

The “Display” field shows the name of your NVIDIA-GPU based graphics card; for example, “*Monitor name on NVIDIA Quadro2 MXR/EX*”.

- 2 Click **Advanced** and the NVIDIA GPU tab.
- 3 Verify that the “Driver Version Information” box lists the most recent versions of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver files. Scroll down to confirm that all files have the same version number. If there’s any discrepancy, make sure you or your system administrator uninstalls the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver software according to the instructions in “[Uninstalling the NVIDIA Driver](#)” on page 33 and then reinstall the software.

**Note:** Make sure that the file `nvdesk32.dll` does not appear on the Driver Version Information list of files. This file is now obsolete and can result in inconsistencies. If you see this file, uninstall the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver and then re-install a current version.

## Accessing nView Desktop Manager Control Panel and Desktops from the Windows Desktop Menu

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*After you enable Desktop Manager* (following the instructions in this chapter), it is strongly recommended that you add the menu options **nView Properties** and **nView Desktops** (if you have created and enabled multiple desktop) to your Windows desktop menu.

**Note:** Using the Windows desktop menu is the quickest way to access multiple desktops and the nView Desktop Manager control panel.

- 1 To add the **nView Properties** and **nView Desktops** option to your Windows desktop menu, enable the first option (check box) on the **User Interface** page and click **Apply**.

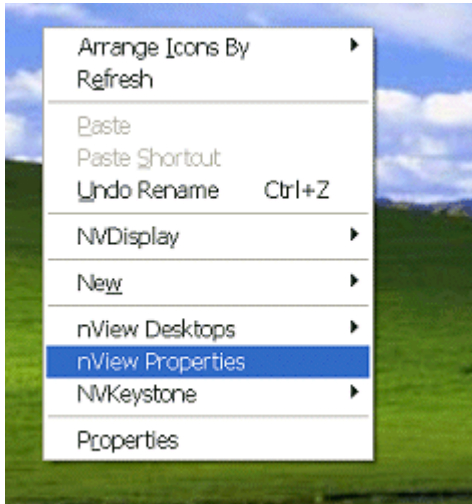
For details, see “[Enable nView Options in the Windows Desktop Menu](#)” on page 109.



- 2 Then right-click on your Windows desktop to display the desktop menu (Figure 4.9).

Notice that **nView Properties** and (if you have created and enabled multiple desktop) **nView Desktops** have been added as options on the menu.

**Figure 4.9** nView Properties and nView Desktops as Options on the Desktop Menu



- 3 Click **nView Properties** to open the nView Desktop Manager control panel, which will open on the **Desktop Management** page, as shown in Figure 4.4 and Figure 4.5.
- 4 Click **nView Desktops** to access your nView desktops.

If you disable (clear the check box) **Enable nView option in the Windows desktop right-click menu** and click **Apply**, the nView Properties and nView Desktops entries are also cleared from the Windows desktop menu.

**Note:** It is recommended that you keep this option *enabled*.

# USING THE DESKTOP MANAGER SETUP WIZARD

This chapter contains the following major sections:

- “About the Wizards” on page 49
- “About Using the Wizards” on page 50
- “Display Wizard: Auto-Launch vs. Manual Launch” on page 50
- “Setup Wizard” on page 60

## About the Wizards

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The nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard is a series of dialog boxes that guides you in setting the most common global settings for window, desktop, and application management.

Each Wizard page (window) contains descriptive text for a specific option and, in some cases, an illustration that shows the effect of the option; for example, window repositioning or spanning. You can also choose to skip major option groups.

There are two kinds of Wizards: **Display Wizard** and **Setup Wizard**

- The **Display Wizard** helps enable and customize your multi-display setup. See “[Display Wizard: Auto-Launch vs. Manual Launch](#)” on page 50 for sample Wizard pages.
- The **Setup Wizard** helps set up nView Desktop Manager features. See “[Setup Wizard](#)” on page 60 for sample Wizard pages.



## About Using the Wizards

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The figures in this section show a few examples of the step-by-step Wizard pages you will see when running the Desktop Manager Wizard.

Use the following guidelines when using the Wizard:

- Use the **Back** and **Next** options to navigate through the windows.
- Carefully read the content of each Wizard page, which serves as a quick overview of key Desktop Manager features and lets you enable/disable certain key features by clicking an option.
- If you enable a feature, note that you can change this setting later through the Desktop Manager control panel tabs or menu options,
- If you do not want to enable one or more features in a given window, click **Next** to go to the next window.

### Notes Before You Begin

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There may be some variation in the number and type of Wizard pages that appear, depending on your configuration; i.e., whether you are running Windows Me/9x (limited Desktop Manager features), multiple displays or single-display connected, and so on.

- For example, if your system only has one display device connected and no gridlines defined, Window Management Wizard pages (e.g, [Figure 5.22](#) through [Figure 5.25](#)) will not appear.
- Also note that because *transparency* is not a supported feature under Windows 9x or Windows NT 4.0, the Wizard page containing this option ([Figure 5.27](#)) will not be available under those operating systems.

## Display Wizard: Auto-Launch vs. Manual Launch

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If you are setup with a multi-display configuration (i.e., you have more than one display device connected), the *first time* you start Windows on your computer after installing the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver, the *Wizard starts automatically*.

Use these **Display Wizard** pages to enable and customize your multi-display setup.

- **Auto-launch.** After a *first-time installation* of the NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver when there are at least two display devices connected to your computer, this Display Wizard will launch automatically.

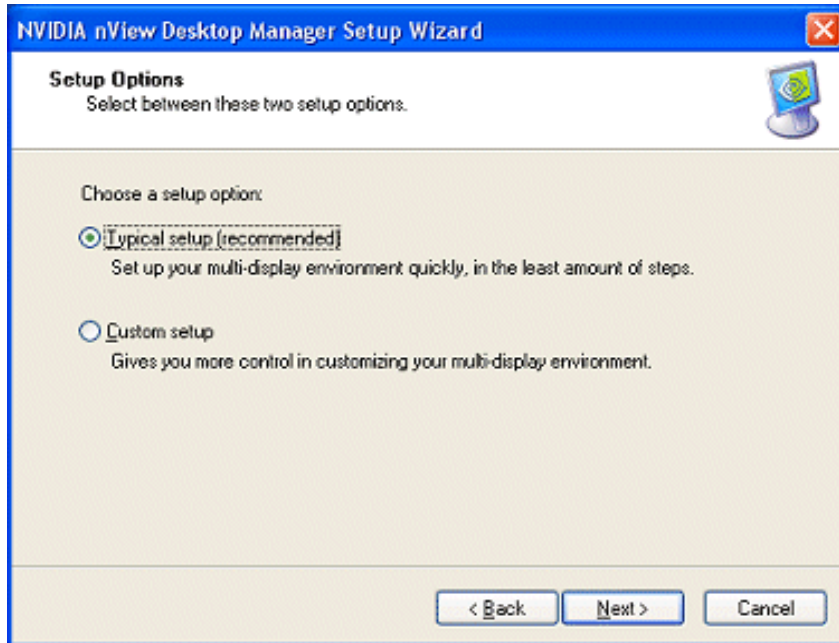
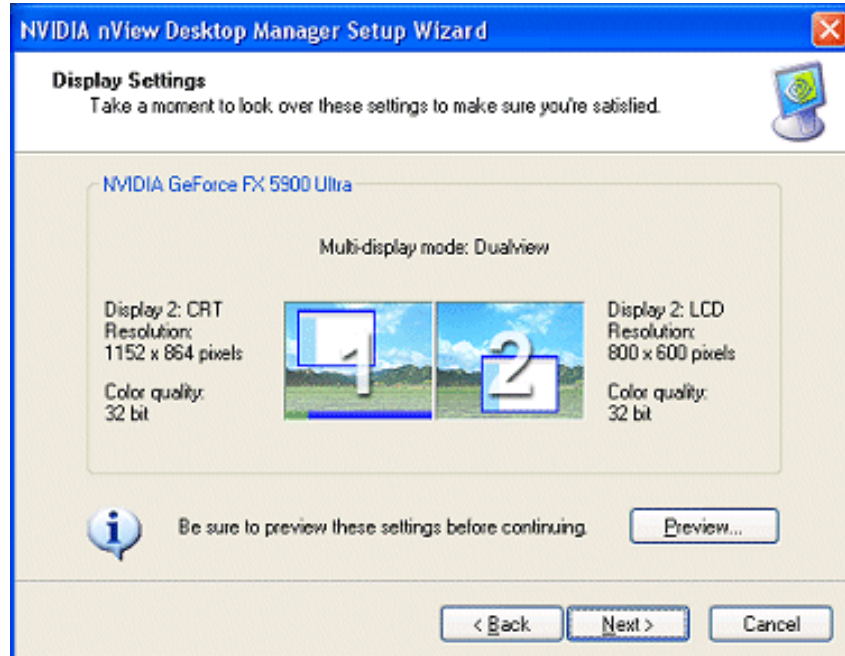
**Note:** This Wizard *will not start automatically* if you have only one display device connected to your computer.

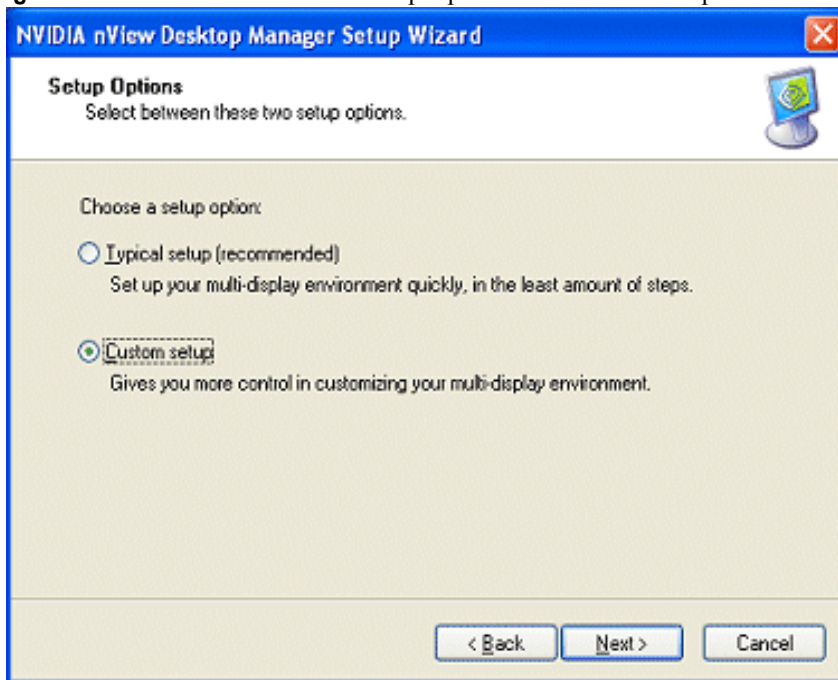
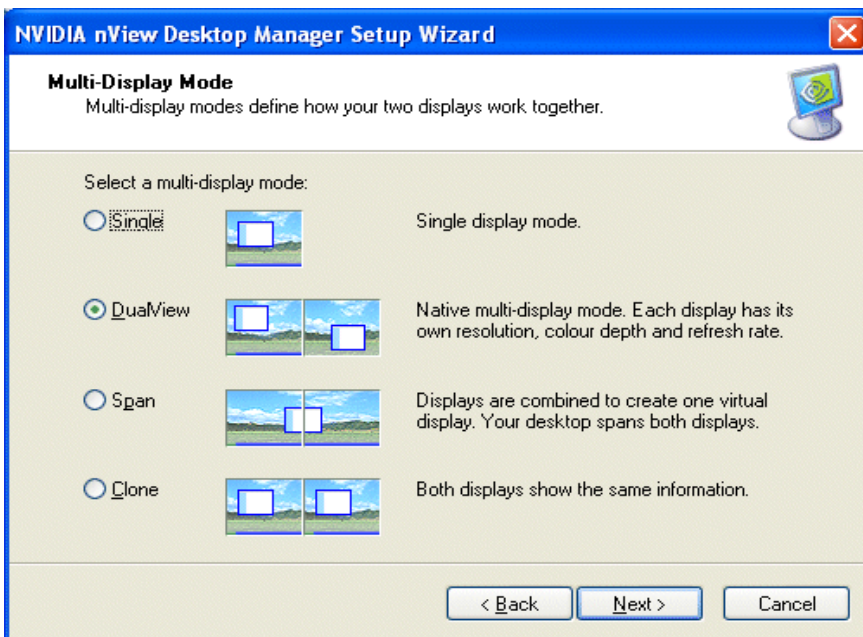
- **Manual launch.** On subsequent sessions, to manually launch this Wizard, click **Display Wizard** from the Desktop Management panel.

**Note:** Based on your display device configuration and the options you choose on a Wizard page, the subsequent Wizard pages you will see may differ slightly from the examples given in this section.

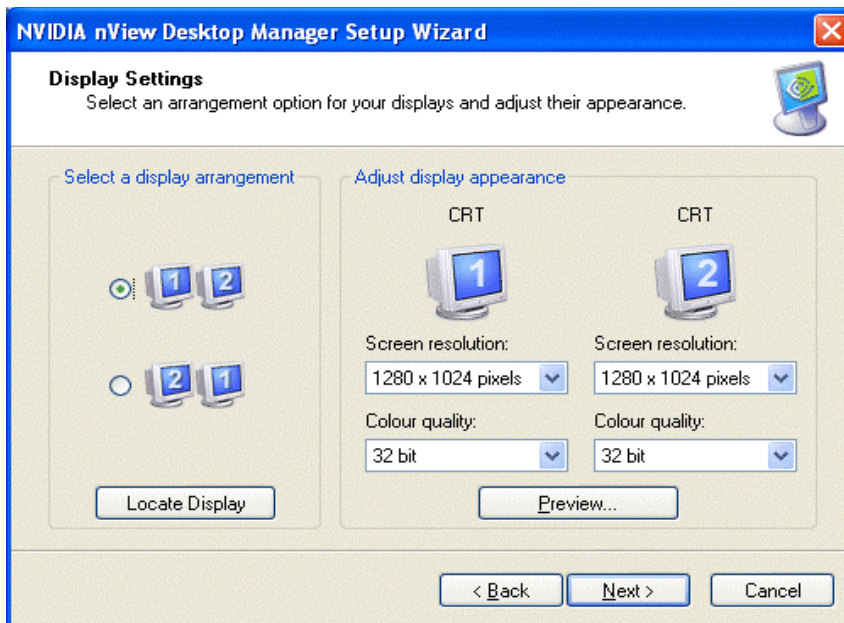
**Figure 5.1** Auto-Launch Wizard Welcome Page



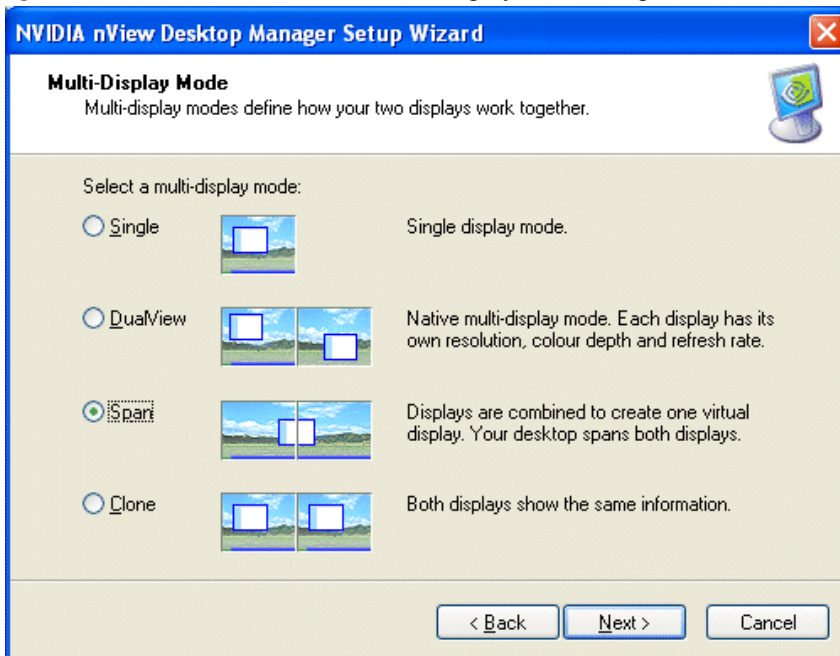
**Figure 5.2** Auto-Launch Wizard Setup Option — “Typical Setup” Selected**Figure 5.3** Auto-Launch Wizard Setup Option — Display Settings for Typical Setup

**Figure 5.4** Auto-Launch Wizard Setup Options — “Custom Setup” Selected**Figure 5.5** Auto-Launch Wizard — Multi-Display Mode With Dualview Mode Selected

**Figure 5.6** Auto-Launch Wizard Display Settings — Dualview Mode (2 CRT Example)



**Figure 5.7** Auto-Launch Wizard Multi-Display Mode — Span Mode Selected





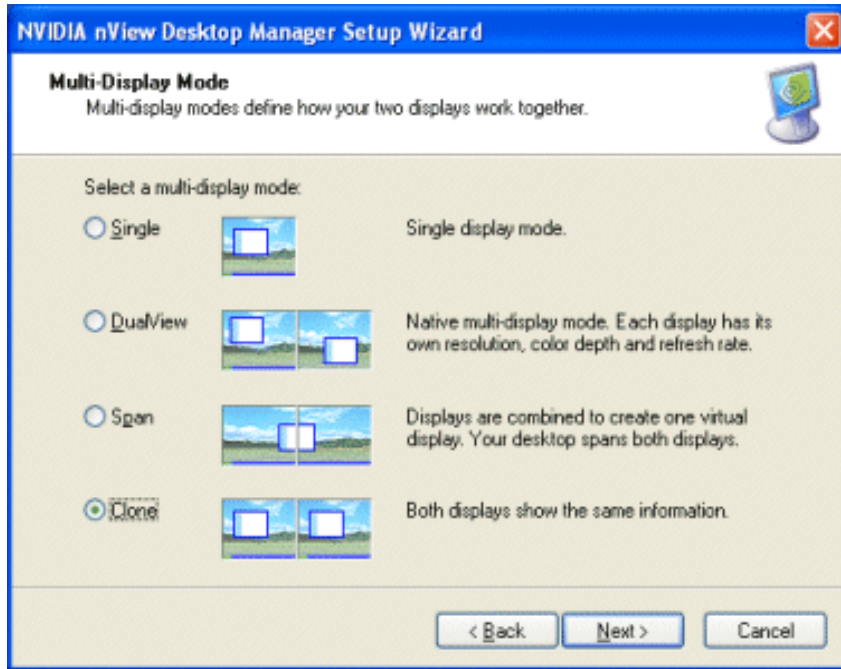
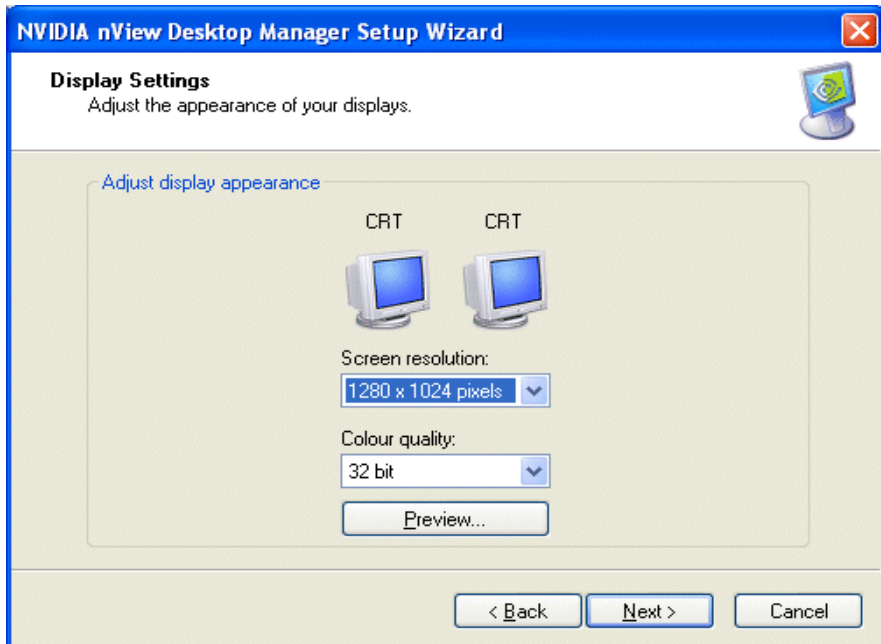
**Figure 5.8** Auto-Launch Wizard Display Settings — Span Mode (Example 1)**Figure 5.9** Auto-Launch Wizard Display Settings — Span Mode (Example 2)

**Figure 5.10** Auto-Launch Wizard Display Settings — Span Mode (Example 3)

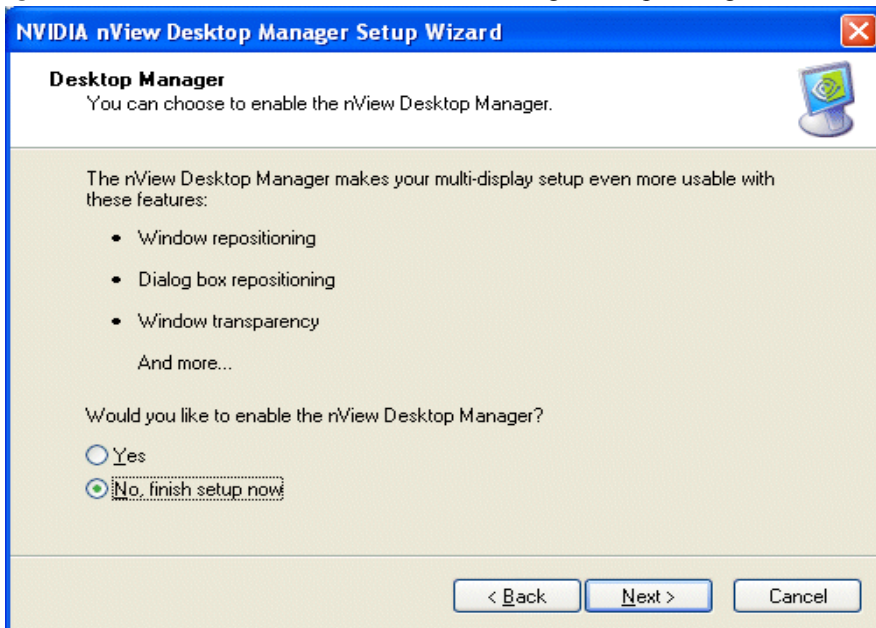


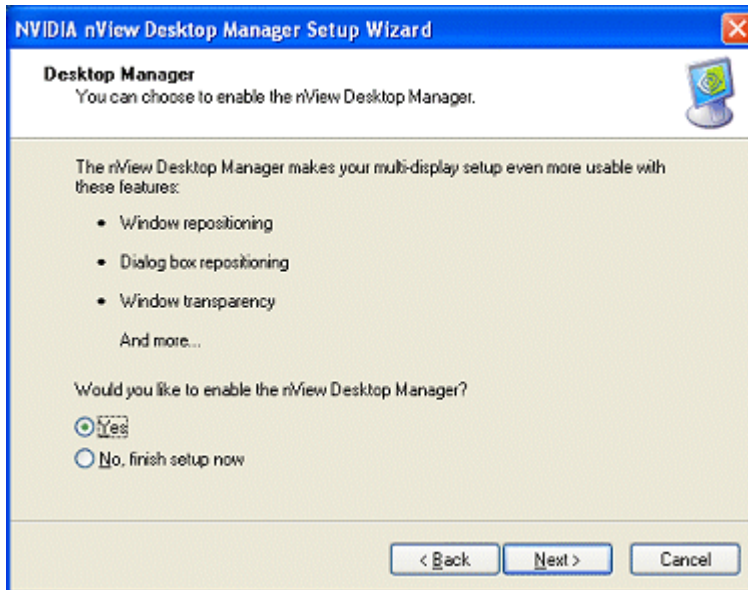
**Figure 5.11** Auto-Launch Wizard Display Settings — Span Mode (Example 4)

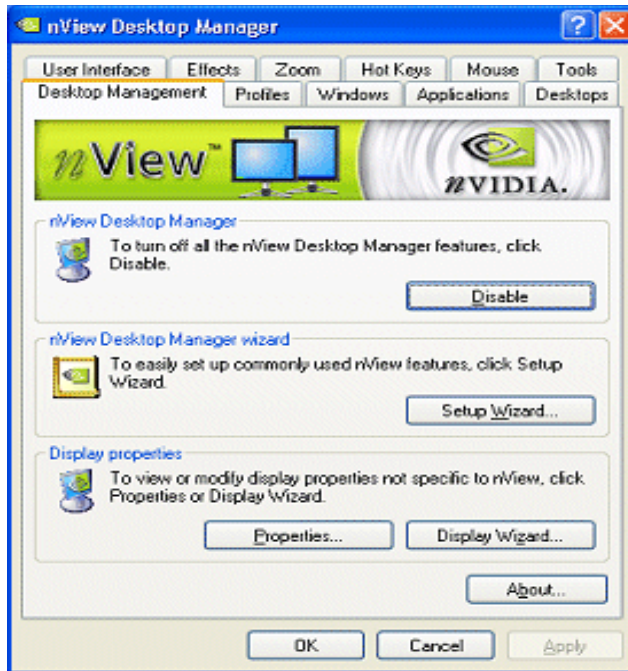


**Figure 5.12** Auto-Launch Wizard Multi-Display Mode — Clone Mode Selected**Figure 5.13** Auto-Launch Wizard Display Settings — Clone Mode (2 CRT Example)



**Figure 5.14** Auto-Launch Wizard —: NOT Enabling Desktop Manager**Figure 5.15** Auto-Launch Wizard Completion Without Enabling nView Desktop Manager

**Figure 5.16** Auto-Launch Wizard — Enabling nView Desktop Manager 1**Figure 5.17** Wizard Completion

**Figure 5.18** nView Desktop Manager Control Panel Launched

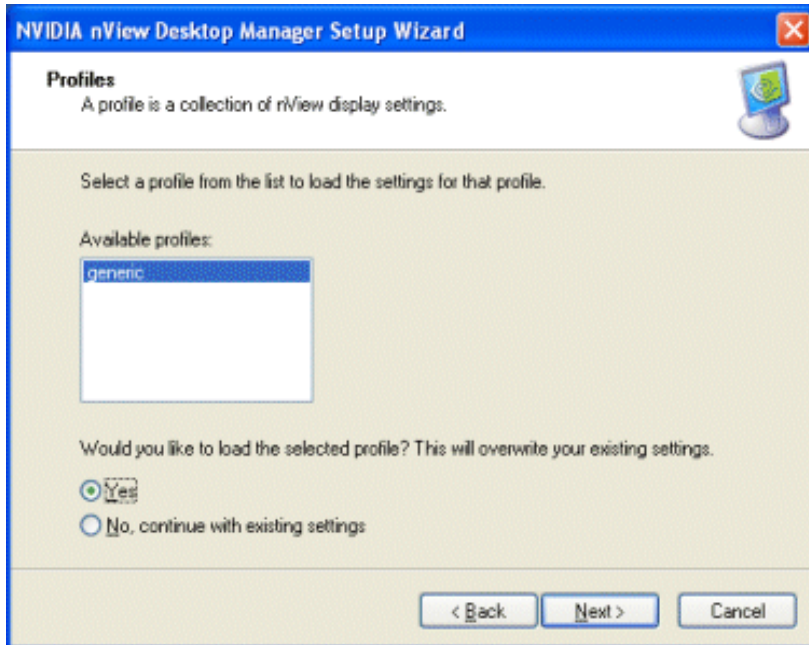
## Setup Wizard

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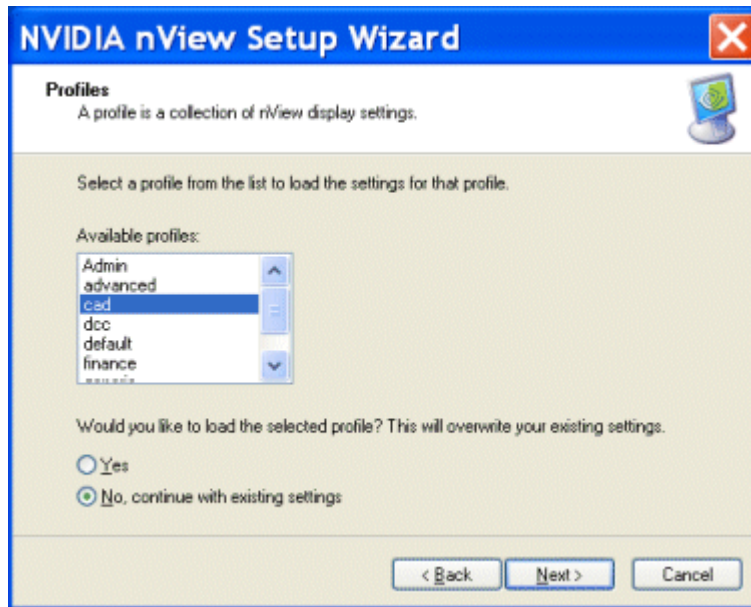
The Wizard pages in this section are available when you click the **Setup Wizard** option from the Desktop Management panel (Figure 5.18).

**Note:** If the Setup Wizard option is disabled (grayed), click **Enable** and **Apply** to enable nView Desktop Manager. The **Setup Wizard** will now be enabled for use.

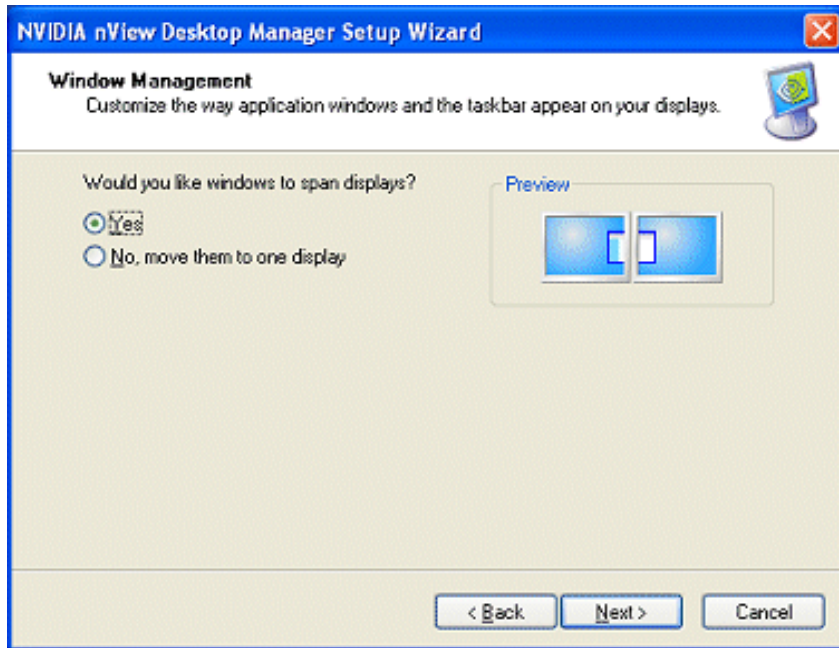
**Note:** Based on your display device configuration and the options you choose on a Wizard page, the Wizard pages you will see may differ from the examples given in this section.

**Figure 5.19** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Welcome Page**Figure 5.20** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Selecting a Profile

**Figure 5.21** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Selecting a Profile When Using a Quadro-based Graphics Card

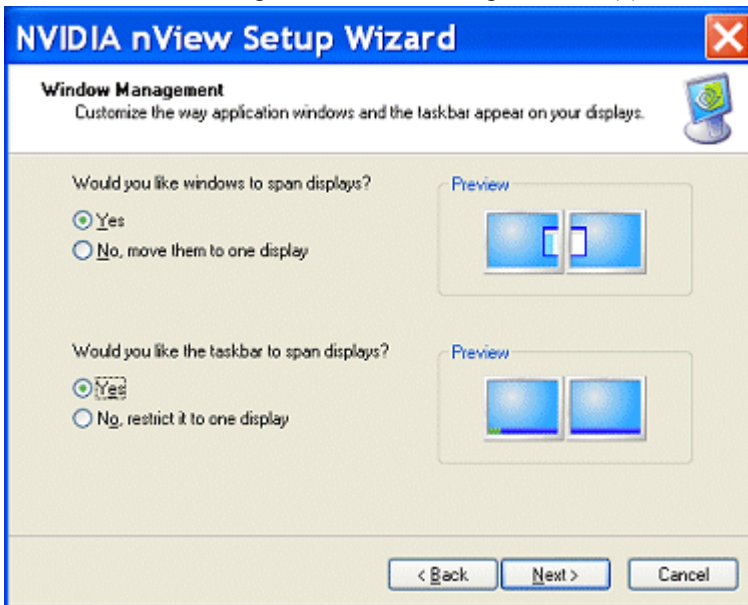


**Figure 5.22** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Window Management (1)

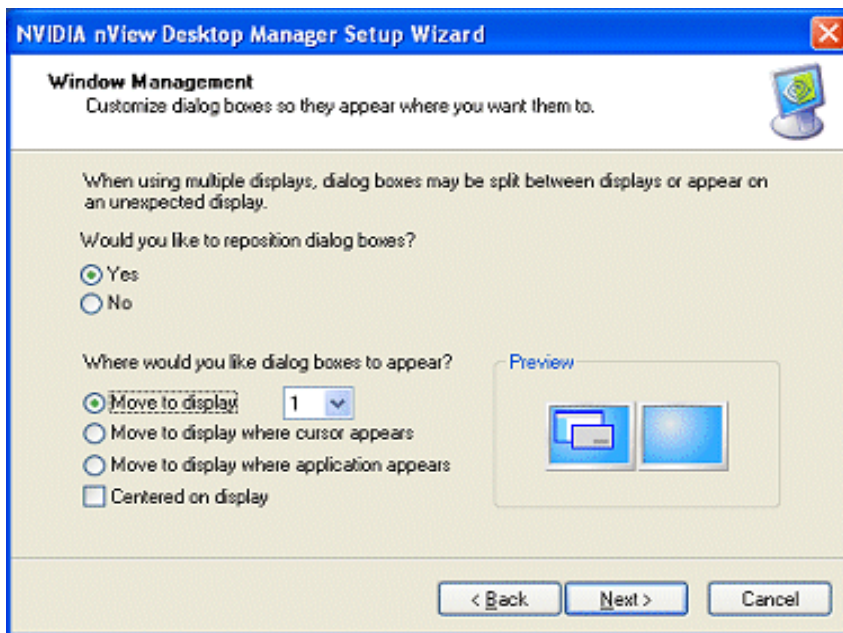




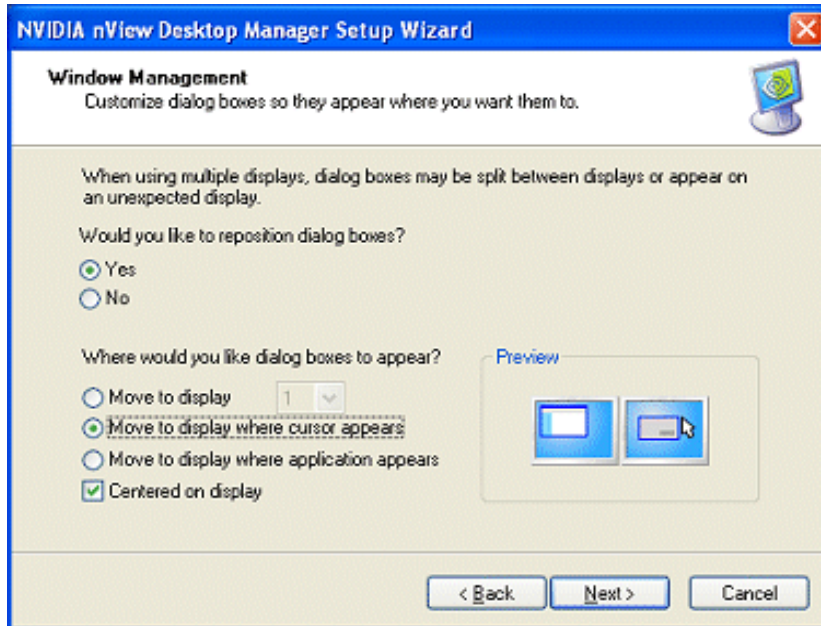
**Figure 5.23** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Window Management Options When Using a Quadro-based Graphics Card (1)



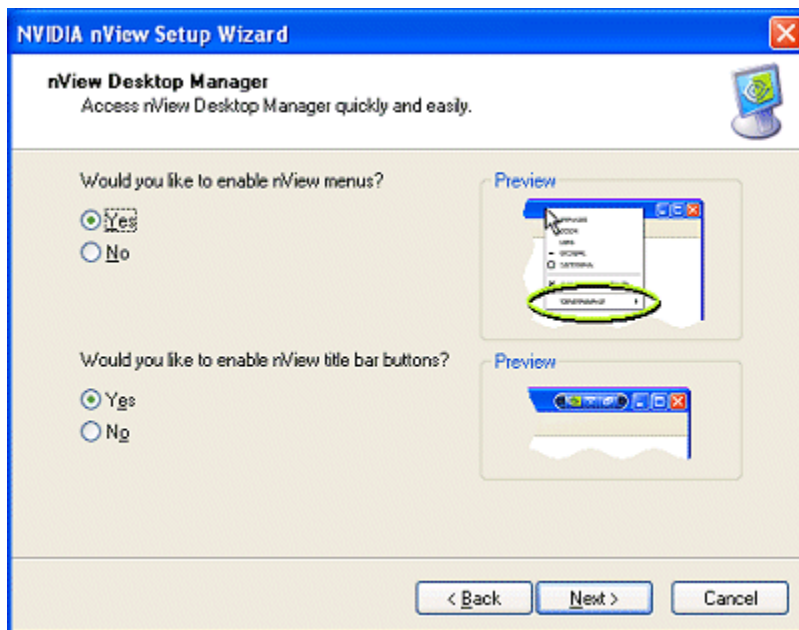
**Figure 5.24** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Window Management (2)

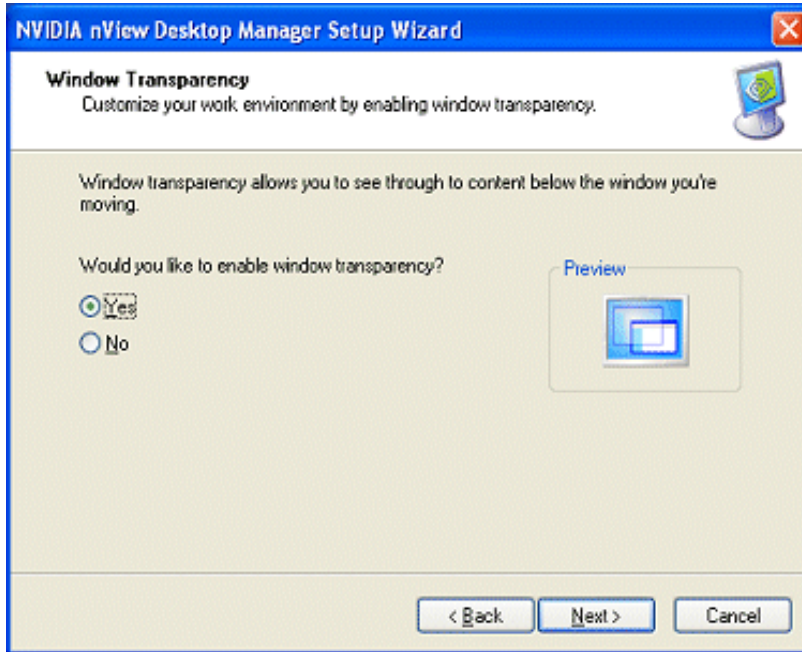


**Figure 5.25** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Window Management Page (3)

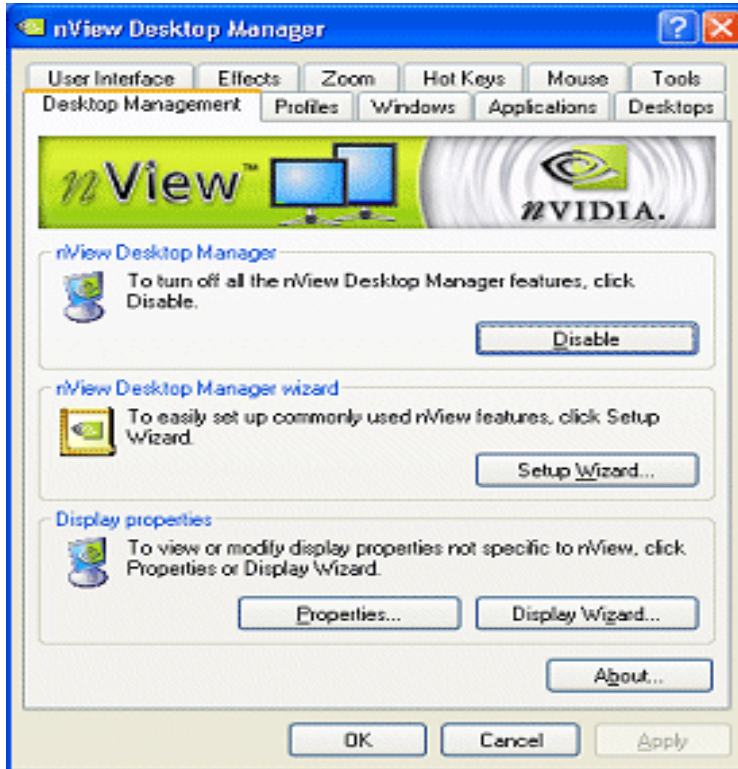


**Figure 5.26** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Enabling the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel



**Figure 5.27** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Window Transparency**Figure 5.28** nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard — Completion



**Figure 5.29** nView Desktop Manager Control Panel Launched

# WORKING WITH PROFILES

This chapter discusses the following topics:

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- “Benefits of Using Profiles” on page 70
- “Accessing the Profiles Page” on page 71
- “List of Profiles” on page 71
- “Load Profile Dialog Box” on page 73
- “Loading a Profile” on page 74
- “Creating a Profile” on page 75
- “Saving a Profile” on page 76
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- “Importing a Profile” on page 78
- “Exporting a Profile” on page 79

## About Profiles

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Profiles features can be used on both single-display and multi-display computer setups. Using profiles features, you can save your nView Desktop Manager settings *as well as* your NVIDIA graphics display driver settings into a single file called a *profile*. To change how your desktop functions, you can subsequently load these profiles with a single “hot key” keystroke or by using the **Load** option from the Profiles page.

Profile are a “snapshot” of your “NVIDIA graphics display driver” and “nView Desktop Manager” settings. There is never an “active” profile — instead, you can reload your Desktop Manager settings “snapshot” and then edit it if you need to modify the settings any time in the future. For example, if you switch computers, upgrade your operating system, or are configuring an office, you can simply save all your settings to a profile and then load those settings on any computer that you want.

**Note:** The profile file is not updated as you change nView Desktop Manager settings. Use the **Save** option to update the profile with your current (new) nView Desktop Manager and/or NVIDIA graphics display driver settings.

**Note:** Under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4.0, you must have, at least, **Power User** access privileges in order to *create, save, delete, import, and export* profiles.

## NVIDIA Graphics Display Driver Information

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NVIDIA graphics display driver information in a profile *can include*:

- Desktop colors — brightness, contrast, gamma, Digital Vibrance, image sharpening, etc.
- OpenGL and Direct3D
- Performance and quality
- Overlay and full-screen
- Overlap and edge-blending — includes NVKeystone settings
- Screen resolution and refresh rate  
and more...

## nView Desktop Manager Information

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nView Desktop Manager information in a profile *can include* the following categories of information:

- “Open Application State” on page 69
- “Desktop Management” on page 69
- “Display Mode” on page 69

## Open Application State

“Open application states” refers to saving the information about a set of applications to launch when a profile is loaded. When you save a profile with the “open application states” option enabled, the open application(s) on your desktop(s) are recorded and stored in the profile you are saving. When you load the profile, those same application(s) are reopened.

**Note:** “Open application state” saving is an available feature with both NVIDIA GeForce-based and Quadro-based graphics cards. but with a limitation —

When using GeForce-based cards, up to *eight* applications states can be saved and loaded. NVIDIA When using Quadro-based graphics cards, there is no such limitation.

The following is the mechanism for saving open application states:

- A snapshot of all running applications on the system is taken including size, position, window state, and desktop. When this profile is loaded, all of these applications are restored to their proper positions.
- Microsoft Internet Explorer, Windows Explorer, Office, and Exceed applications can also have their data state saved when a profile is saved and restored (when the profile is loaded) including the file/URL/Unix application with which the application may have been working.

**Note:** If you save with four Internet Explorer windows open and restore while you have two Internet Explorer windows open, only two new Internet Explorer windows will load.

## Desktop Management

Desktop management information can include:

- Multiple desktops and their backgrounds
- Individual application settings
- Windows and dialog box positioning
- User interface settings and other effects, such as window and taskbar transparency settings
- Mouse and zoom settings
- Hot key settings

## Display Mode

Display mode information can include the number and position of each of your enabled display device, each display device’s refresh rate, resolution, color depth, and so on.

**Note:** However, unlike desktop management settings, display mode settings depend on the hardware in your computer and thus may not work when transferred between computers. For example, if a profile was saved with display mode information on a computer that had four displays connected and is then copied to a computer that has only two displays connected, then loading this profile on the two-display computer will not restore the display mode because the physical hardware (i.e., four displays) does not exist on the computer.

### **Taskbar Position**

When saving a profile, if you have enabled the **Display mode** option (check box) and you also want to save (to later restore) the Windows taskbar position, then enable the **Taskbar position** option (check box).

### **Computer Power State**

When saving a profile, if you have enabled the **Display mode** option (check box) and you also want to save (to later restore) your computer's power state, then enable the **Computer power state** option (check box).

Your computer is always running a particular power profile. To access your **power profile**, open the Windows Control Panel and open the **Power** program. You will notice that your system is set up to use a particular **power profile**. The power profile controls your system's power management. For desktop systems, this is almost always the "Always On" profile but for mobile (notebook) computers, this can be "Long Life," "Extremely Long Life," "Performance," and other, which can include many manufacturer-specific profiles).

### **Show This Profile in the Display Scheme Menu**

If this option is enabled, the profile being saved will appear in the nView Display Scheme menu, which is available through an assigned nView hot key. For details, see ["Display Settings Actions" on page 158](#)

## **Benefits of Using Profiles**

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Using Profiles features, you can tailor different Desktop Manager modes to more closely match your operating needs and then easily switch between profiles with a hot key.

You can use profiles to quickly switch your system configuration, depending on your needs.

For example, if you have a notebook computer that is sometimes docked with an extra display device and sometimes undocked, you may want to have dialog boxes pop up on the notebook computer's screen while undocked but while docked, have dialog boxes appear on the extra display device. In this case, you can set up two profiles on your system; a docked version and an undocked

version with different settings. When you switch configuration (i.e., dock or undock your notebook computer), you can load your configuration with a single keystroke.

**Note:** The loaded profile can also include turning on or off an external display connected to your notebook computer.

If you work in a company with an IT department, profiles are even more useful. For example, a System Administrator can define a custom Desktop Manager mode and roll it out in one step to a department or other defined group in the company rather than have to configure each workstation separately. This can help reduce training and support costs since everyone within a group or department can use a common Desktop Manager configuration that is tailored for their needs.

## Accessing the Profiles Page

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- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Profiles** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager Profiles page. Sample Profiles pages are shown in [Figure 6.1](#) and [Figure 6.3](#).

**Note:** Under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4.0, you must have, at least, **Power User** access privileges in order to *create, save, delete, import, and export* profiles.

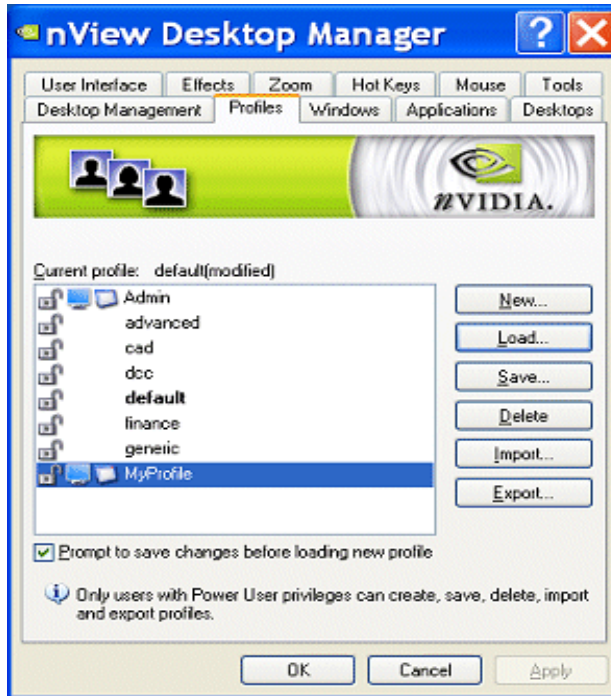
**Note:** If you are using an NVIDIA Quadro GPU-based graphics card, additional pre-defined profiles are provided by NVIDIA and viewable on the Profiles page, as shown in [Figure 6.1](#).

## List of Profiles

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The Profiles page display a list of profiles available for loading, as shown in the examples in [Figure 6.1](#) and [Figure 6.3](#).

*If you are using an NVIDIA Quadro GPU-based graphics card, the nView Desktop Manager installation comes with additional pre-defined profiles to get you started quickly. These profiles contain the basic settings for different user levels and industries. You can start with one of these pre-defined profiles and tailor it to your own needs.*

**Figure 6.1** Sample Profiles Page — For NVIDIA Quadro-based Graphics Cards

Each profile in the list displays one or more of these icons:



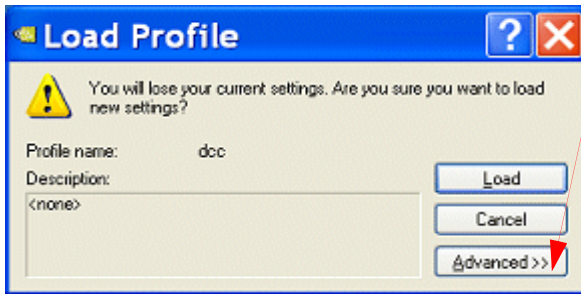
- A **locked profile** displays a “closed padlock” icon in the profiles list. You cannot modify the nView settings of a locked profile.
- An **unlocked profile** displays an “open padlock” icon in the profiles list — as shown in Figure 6.1— and has no restrictions.
- A **monitor icon**  (Figure 6.1) means that there is NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver information stored in the profile. When you create or save a profile, you can choose to include NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver settings information with the profile.
- An **application icon**  (Figure 6.1) means that application states have been saved within this profile. When you create or save a profile, you can choose to include nView desktop management settings information with the profile.



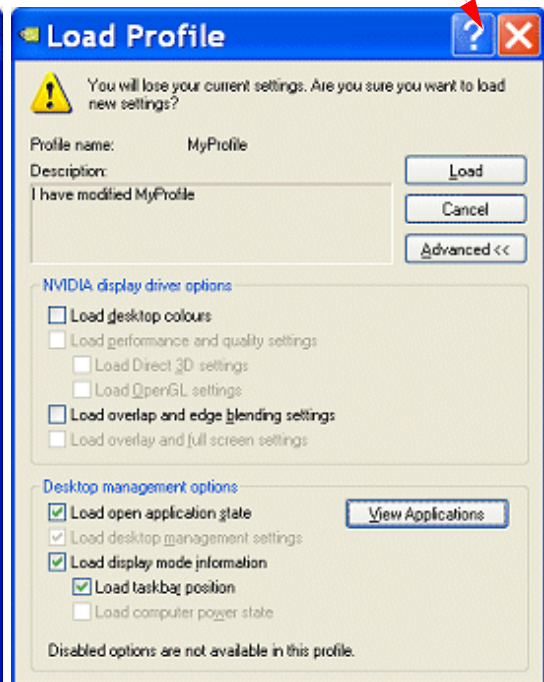
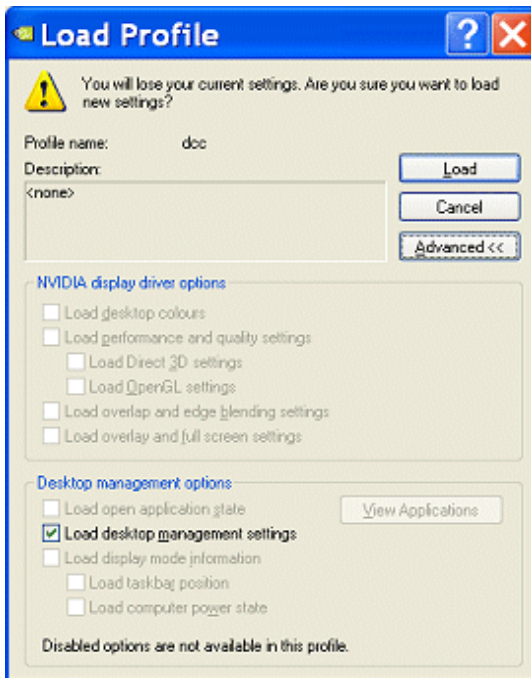
Figure 6.2 Load Profile Dialog Box



If you are an advanced user, click **Advanced >>** to expand the Load Profile dialog box — as shown below.

The enabled and disabled (grayed) settings vary, based on the type of profile, how it was saved, the access privileges it was assigned, etc.

For Help on an option, click the ? icon, move the icon to the option for which you need Help, and click to display the Help.



## Current Profile

The **Current profile** heading (shown in Figure 6.1 and Figure 6.3) simply displays the name of the current profile that is loaded or saved. Notice that the current profile is also shown in **bold** in the profiles list.



## Loading a Profile

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**Note:** You may see additional profiles set up specifically for your company or organization if your Administrator has set up custom profiles and/or if you are using an NVIDIA Quadro GPU-based graphics card.

- 1 To load a profile, select a profile from the list and click **Load**.

The Load Profile dialog box appears (Figure 6.2) indicating that your current profile settings will be overwritten by the profile settings you are about to load.

- 2 If you are an “advanced” user, click **Advanced >>** to expand the dialog box as shown in Figure 6.2.

- a To customize any of the settings, you can clear or check (enable) any of the check boxes that correspond to the settings.

The enabled and disabled (grayed) settings vary, based on the type of profile, how it was saved, its access settings, etc.

- b For **Help** on the options, click the ? icon (Figure 6.2), move it to the option for which you want Help, and click to display the Help. *Or* you can refer to the following sections earlier in this chapter:

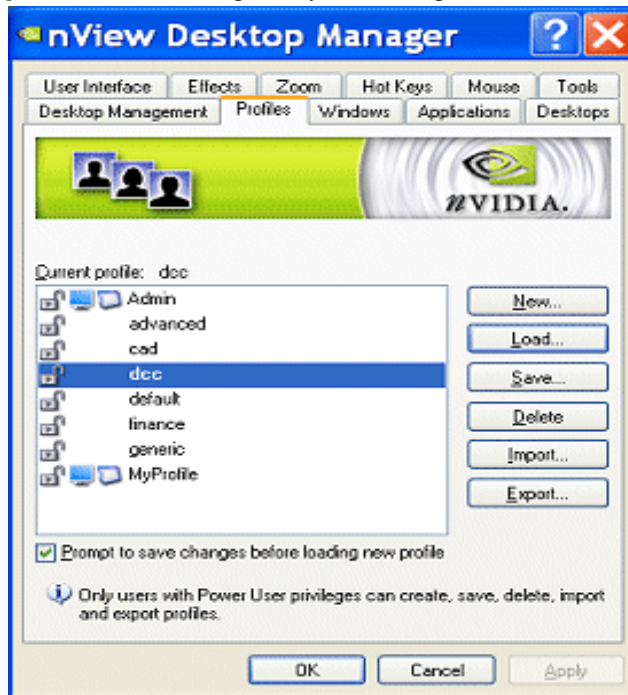
“NVIDIA Graphics Display Driver Information” on page 68

“nView Desktop Manager Information” on page 68

**Note:** If you have checked the **Load display mode information** but nView Desktop Manager cannot locate the hardware to support the display mode stored in the profile (for example, the profile mode information is to turn on four display devices but the computer that is loading the profile only has two display devices connected), then the display mode loading will silently fail. However, note that the nView Desktop Management settings in the profile will be loaded.

- 3 To complete loading the new profile, click **Load**.

You are returned to the Profiles page, which displays the name of the loaded profile in **bold** in the profiles list *and* as the “Current profile:”(Figure 6.3).

**Figure 6.3** Profiles Page — *After* Loading the “dcc” Profile

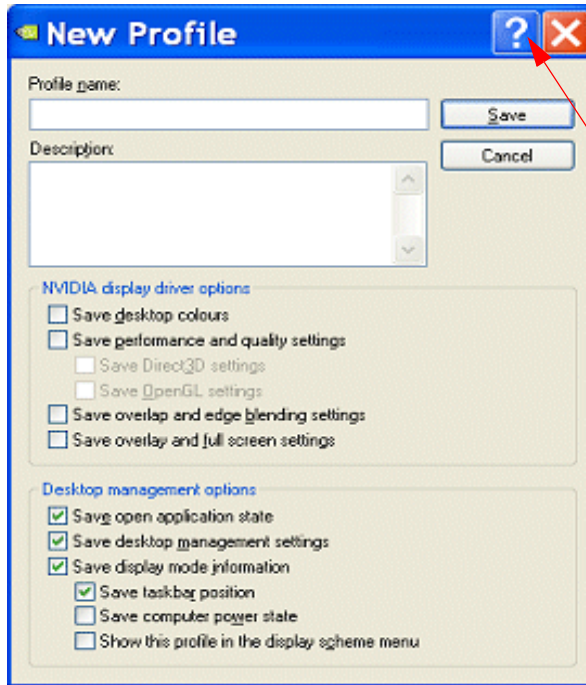
## Creating a Profile

**Note:** Under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4.0, you must have, at least, **Power User** access privileges in order to *create* a profile.

- 1 To create, name, and add a new profile that contains all of the current nView settings, click **New** from the Profiles page.

The New Profile dialog box appears, as shown in Figure 6.4.

- 2 Enter a profile name and description.
- 3 To customize the settings, you can clear or check (enable) any of the check boxes that correspond to the settings.
- 4 For **Help** on the options, click the ? icon (Figure 6.4), move it to the option for which you want Help, and click to display the Help. *Or* you can refer to the following sections earlier in this chapter:
  - “NVIDIA Graphics Display Driver Information” on page 68
  - “nView Desktop Manager Information” on page 68

**Figure 6.4** New Profile Dialog Box

Click ?, move ? icon to the option for which you need Help, and click again to display the Help.

5 Click **Save** to save the profile.

**Note:** Under Windows 2000/XP, *newly created* profile (. **tnp**) files are saved in the following directory:

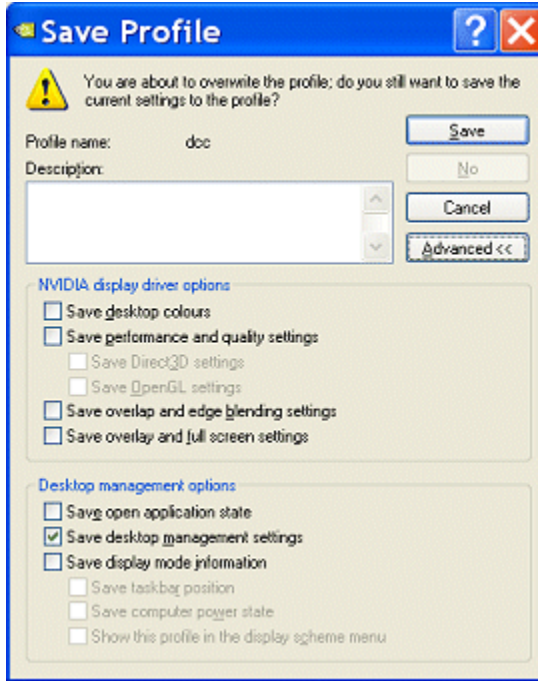
**Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\  
nView\_Profiles**

## Saving a Profile

**Note:** Under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4.0, you must have, at least, **Power User** access privileges in order to *save* a profile.

1 If you want to overwrite the *current* profile with modified nView Desktop Manager and/or NVIDIA ForceWare graphics display driver settings, click **Save** from the Profiles page.

The **Save Profile** dialog box appears (Figure 6.5). Notice that a warning message indicates that you are about to overwrite the selected profile.

**Figure 6.5** Save Profile Dialog Box

- 2 If you are an “advanced” user and want to customize certain settings in the saved profile, click **Advanced <<** to expand the dialog box (Figure 6.5).
  - a To customize the settings, you can clear or check (enable) any of the check boxes that correspond to the settings.
  - b For **Help** on the options, click the ? icon (Figure 6.4), move it to the option for which you want Help, and click to display the Help. *Or* you can refer to the following sections earlier in this chapter:
    - “NVIDIA Graphics Display Driver Information” on page 68
    - “nView Desktop Manager Information” on page 68
- 3 Click **Save** to complete saving the profile; otherwise, click **Cancel**.

*Predefined* nView Desktop Manager profile (. **tnvp**) files are saved in the following directory on your computer: **Windows\nView**

## Deleting a Profile

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**Note:** Under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4.0, you must have, at least, **Power User** access privileges in order to *delete* a profile.

- 1 From the Profiles page, select the profile you want to delete.
- 2 Click **Delete**.

A warning message (Figure 6.6) indicates that you are about to lose all the settings in the selected profile you are about to delete.

**Figure 6.6** Deleting a Profile



- 3 Click **Yes** to continue with the deletion process; otherwise, click **No**.

## Importing a Profile

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**Note:** Under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4.0, you must have, at least, **Power User** access privileges in order to *import* a profile.

Use the **Import** option to copy a profile from another location or computer to your current computer. You can load the file *after* you import it.

- 1 From the Profiles page, click **Import**.
- 2 Change directory, if needed, to locate the profile (.tvp) file you want to import.

**Tip:** You may want to search the following locations on the system(s) from which you are importing the profile(s):

- `Windows\nView`
- `Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\nView_Profiles`

- 3 Click **Open**. You are returned to the Profiles page, which now displays the profile you just import.
- 4 To load this profile, click **Load**. Refer to “Loading a Profile” on page 74 if you need help.

## Exporting a Profile

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**Note:** Under Windows XP/2000 and Windows NT 4.0, you must have, at least, **Power User** access privileges in order to *export* a profile.

Use the **Export** option to copy a profile from your current computer to another location.

- 1** From the Profiles page, click the profile you want to export in order to select and highlight it.
- 2** Click **Export**.
- 3** Change directory/folder, as needed.

**Tip:** You may want to specify the following locations on the system to which you are exporting the profile(s) — especially if you want the profile(s) to quickly appear on the target computers nView Desktop Manager Profiles page.

- `Windows\nView`
- `Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\nView_Profiles`

- 4** Click **OK** to copy the profile (. **tvp**) file to that folder.

You are returned to the Profiles page.

## CHAPTER

## 7

# MANAGING WINDOWS

This chapter discusses the following major topics:

- “About Windows Options” on page 80
- “Accessing the Windows Page” on page 81
- “Window Control Options” on page 82
- “Dialog Box Repositioning Options” on page 83

## About Windows Options

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The nView Desktop Manager **Windows** page contains features that only apply to multi-display configurations.

**Note:** The options on this page will be disabled (grayed) if you are using only one display or running in nView single-display mode.

A key benefit of using windows management features is that you no longer have to spend your time resizing, relocating, or searching for windows because you can specify how you want your windows to function. You can specify how you want windows to operate on your desktops and/or display devices.

For example, when you maximize an application under Span mode, it stretches across all display devices, which can be quite inconvenient. Using Windows management features, you can change this functionality to make the window only maximize to a single display device. Conversely, under Dualview mode, where windows normally maximize to a single screen, you can make applications maximize to the entire desktop.

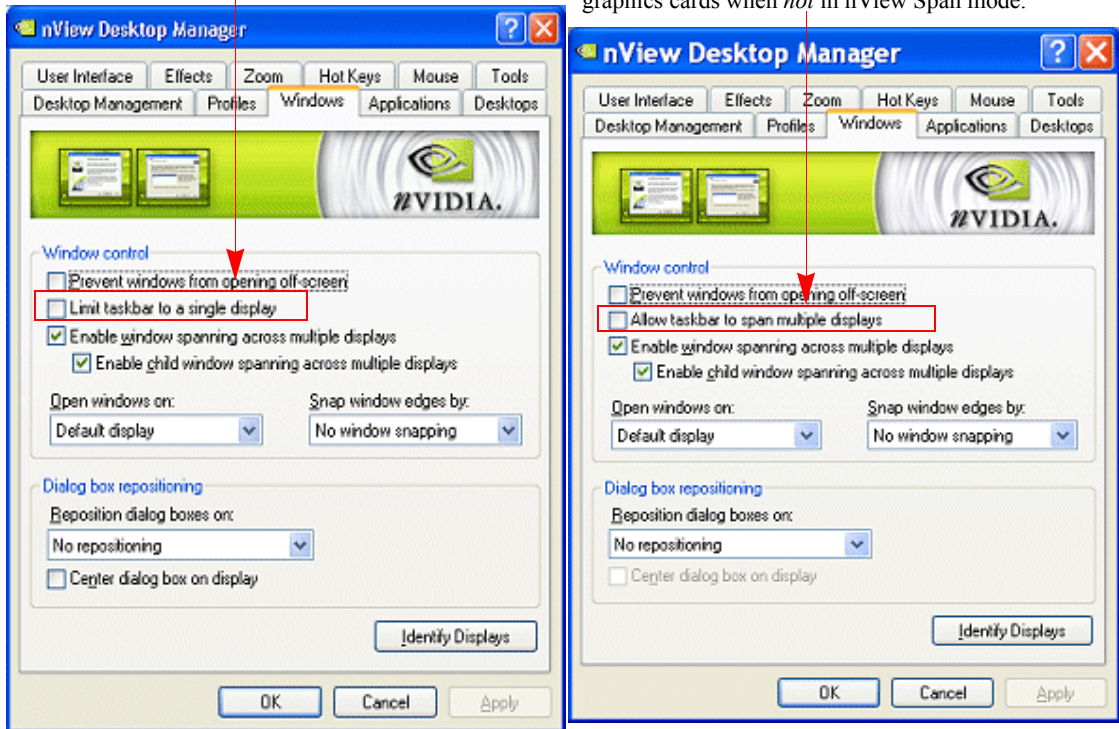
## Accessing the Windows Page

- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Windows** tab or menu option to display the Windows page (Figure 7.1).

**Figure 7.1** Windows Page

This option is available *only* in nView Span modes.

This option is available *only* under Quadro GPU-based graphics cards when *not* in nView Span mode.





# Window Control Options

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**Note:** Be sure to click **Apply** after enabling any of the settings.

## Prevent Windows from Opening Off-Screen

Enable this option to prevent windows from opening off the screen.

## Limit Taskbar to a Single Display

**Note:** This option is available only when your nView Display Mode page is set to **nView Horizontal** or **Vertical Span mode**.

When this option is enabled, you can limit displaying the Windows taskbar to a single display instead of having it stretched across displays.

## Allow Taskbar to Span Multiple Displays

**Note:** This option is available when using graphics cards based on one of the Quadro series of GPUs and nView display mode is *not* set to Horizontal or Vertical Span mode.

When this option is enabled, the Windows taskbar spans multiple display devices that are connected and active.

## Enable Window Spanning Across Multiple Displays

This option allows windows to span (appear across) displays. When the option is disabled, all windows are prevented from spanning displays.

**Default:** Option is *enabled* (checked).

## Enable Child Window Spanning Across Displays

To access this option, you must first activate the **Enable window spanning across displays** option.

**Note:** If you disable this option, all child windows are prevented from spanning displays even if the parent window does.

**Default:** Option is *enabled* (checked). This means that child windows *can* span displays.

## Open Windows On

By enabling this option, you can set the display device on which you want applications to open, by default.

To select the display on which you want to open application windows, click the list and select an item.

- **Default display**
- **Last display** is the display upon which you closed the application.
  - Note:** If you select **Last display**, the application state (including the application window *maximize* or *collapse* state) is also restored when the application opens.
- **Start display** is the display containing the **Start** button.

### Snap Window Edges By

When you choose a pixel value from this list *and* a window is dropped within the selected number of pixels of a screen edge or another window, the dropped window will be automatically moved so that the window border is adjacent to the screen edge or other window.

## Dialog Box Repositioning Options

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Dialog box repositioning options let you specify the location of dialog boxes.

- 1 Click the list to specify the location of dialog boxes.
- 2 Be sure to click **Apply** after enabling any of the below settings.

### No Repositioning

This option disables dialog box control.

### Move to Display *n*

(where *n* is the number) repositions dialog boxes to the specified display.

### Move to Cursor Display

This option repositions dialog boxes to the display where the cursor is located.

### Move to Application Display

This option repositions dialog boxes on the parent application's display.

### Move to grid *n.m*

(where *n.m* is the number) repositions dialog boxes to a specific grid.

**Note:** When editing “grids” (see “[Enabling and Using Display Gridlines](#)” on [page 116](#)), if you enabled the feature for dialog box repositioning, you can access the above option:

Normally, the convention for identifying a display device is a number *n*, as in display *n*, or display **1**, display **2**, etc.

When grids are enabled, each display device can have grid areas.

- Grid **1.2** means **display 1, grid 2**
- Grid **2.1** means **display 2, grid 1**
- and so on.

### **Center Dialog Box on Display**

Enable this option (check box) to force dialog boxes to be centered on their target display.

### **Identify Displays**

Click this option show the display number on each monitor that is connected and turned on.

**Note:** These numbers should match those on the Windows Display Properties Settings page monitor icons *and* match the numbers that appear when you click **Identify** from the same Settings page.

## CHAPTER

## 8

# MANAGING DESKTOPS

The following major topics are discussed in this chapter:

- “About Desktops Options” on page 85
- “Accessing the Desktops Page” on page 86
- “Notes Before You Begin” on page 87
- “Desktops List” on page 87
- “Creating Desktops” on page 87
- “Activating or Switching Desktops” on page 89
- “Renaming Desktops” on page 91
- “Removing Desktops” on page 91
- “Properties: Changing Wallpaper and Desktop Icons” on page 91
- “Multiple Desktop Global Options” on page 94

## About Desktops Options

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You can use the Desktop Manager “Desktops” options to create and configure up to 32 different “virtual” desktops whether you are using a single monitor or multiple monitors.

If you are using a single monitor, you can create a lot of space by distributing one or more applications among different desktops to prevent application clutter on your window. Desktop Manager reduces your desktop clutter by letting you easily move applications to other desktops thus avoiding the need to open/close or minimize/maximize applications in order to navigate between them. So,

window clutter is reduced without compromising performance or using extra keystrokes.

You can assign customizable names to desktops you create and easily switch between desktops using assigned hot keys, the Windows Explorer-based Desktop Explorer, or even the NVIDIA Settings icon, as explained later in this chapter.

A variety of methods to create, customize, manage, rename, remove, and switch between multiple desktops, as well as easily move applications from one desktop to another are discussed in this chapter.

## Accessing the Desktops Page

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- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Desktops** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager **Desktops** page (Figure 8.1).

**Figure 8.1** Desktops Page



## Notes Before You Begin

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- Desktop options **Add**, **Properties**, **Rename**, and **Remove** take immediate effect when clicked.
- Each desktop is identified by a name and can have optional customizations, such as independent backgrounds or icons that identify the desktop in menus and in the Desktop Explorer.
- The type of background (wallpaper) selected for your desktop can significantly affect how fast you can switch from one desktop to another. For further details, see the “Note” in “[Properties: Changing Wallpaper and Desktop Icons](#)” on page 91.

## Desktops List

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The Desktops list box displays a list of all currently available desktops.

- Desktop Manager maintains a minimum of one desktop and a maximum of 32 desktops. By default, there is always one desktop named “Default” — this is the desktop on which you start up.
- The Default desktop is listed first, followed by all other desktops in alphabetical order.

**Note:** If you disable Desktop Manager, you are returned to the Default desktop and all open windows are moved to the Default desktop.

## Creating Desktops

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Multiple desktops can be created either from Desktops page using the “**Add**” option, as explained below, or the Explorer shell extension.

Each desktop can be assigned a unique name.

**Note:** You cannot add duplicate desktop names.

### Using the “Add” Option

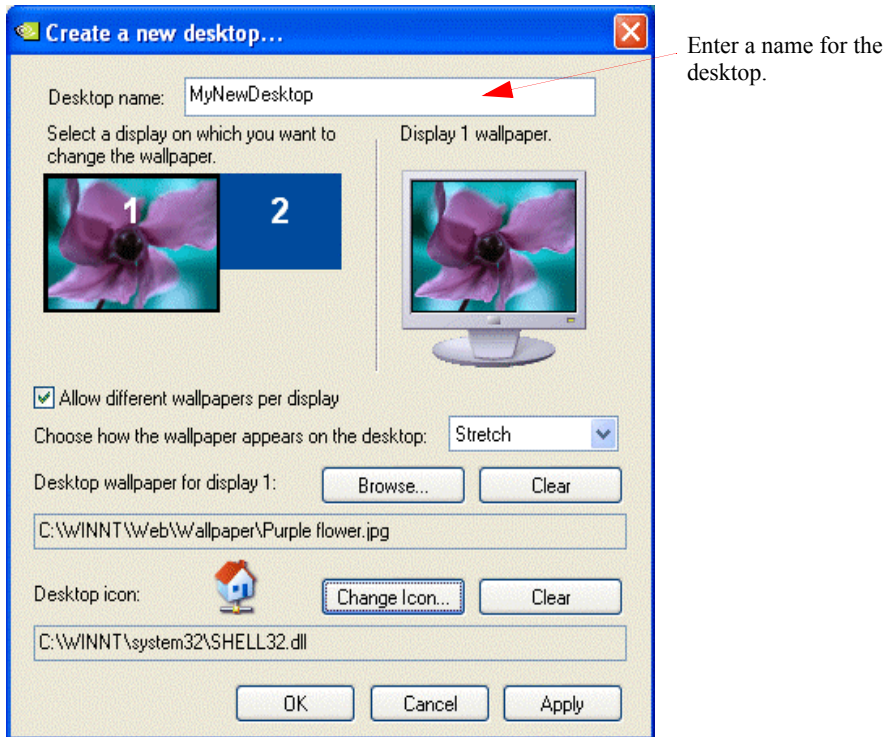
- 1 From the Desktops page ([Figure 8.1](#)), click **Add**. The “Create a new desktop” dialog box prompts for a name of the new desktop ([Figure 8.2](#)).
- 2 If you want to add a Wallpaper background and/or assign the desktop a unique “Icon”, go the next steps.

Otherwise, click **OK** to complete adding the desktop and return to the Desktops page where you will see the new desktop added to the Desktops list.

- 3 After you enter the desktop name, *optionally*, you can assign the desktop a Wallpaper background and/or assign the desktop a unique icon.

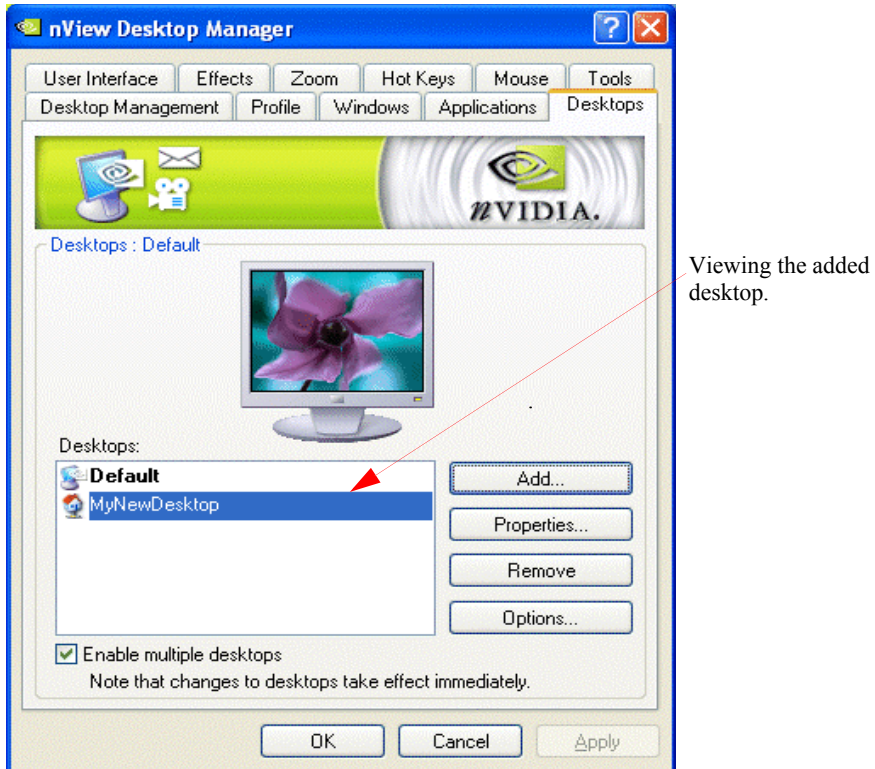
For details, see “Selecting a Background for the Desktop” on page 92, “Selecting Separate Backgrounds Per Display” on page 93, or “Selecting a Desktop Icon” on page 93

**Figure 8.2** Creating a Desktop



**Note:** If you have checked the **Enable Desktop Explorer** option from the Multiple Interfaces tab, you can also use the Desktop Explorer node in the Windows Explorer to create desktops. See “Creating Desktops from Desktop Explorer” on page 102.



**Figure 8.3** Viewing the Added Desktop

Viewing the added desktop.

## Activating or Switching Desktops

From the “Desktops” tab, double-click the desktop you want to activate from the list of desktops.

**Note:** The type of background (wallpaper) selected for your desktop can significantly affect how fast you can switch from one desktop to another

For further details, see the “Note” in “[Properties: Changing Wallpaper and Desktop Icons](#)” on page 91.

You can also use a variety of other methods to switch between desktops as discussed in these sections:

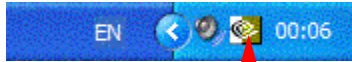
- “[Activating Desktops from the NVIDIA Settings icon](#)” on page 90
- “[Activating Desktops From the Windows Desktop Properties Menu](#)” on page 90
- “[Activating Desktops from Desktop Explorer](#)” on page 91

- “Activating Desktops With Hot Keys” on page 91

## Activating Desktops from the NVIDIA Settings icon

To activate desktops from the NVIDIA Settings icon (Figure 8.4), follow these steps:

**Figure 8.4** NVIDIA Settings icon



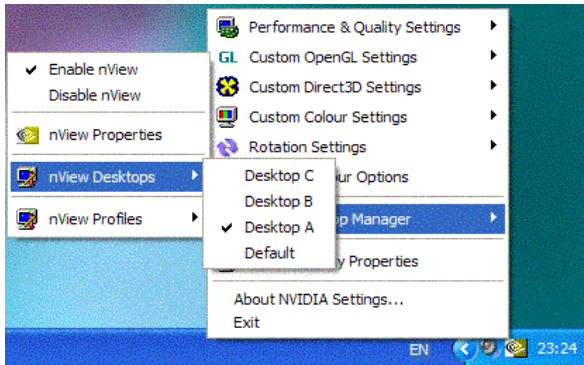
NVIDIA Settings icon

- 1 Right click the NVIDIA Settings icon from the Windows taskbar, choose **Desktop Manager > nView Desktops** to display the list of your desktops. Figure 8.5 shows an example of a list of desktops.

**Note:** If nView Desktop Manager is disabled, you cannot access the nView Desktops option. In this case, right click the NVIDIA Settings icon from the Windows taskbar, click **Desktop Manager > Enable nView**. Again, right click the NVIDIA Settings icon from the Windows taskbar, then click **nView Desktops**.

- 2 Choose the desktop you want to activate.

**Figure 8.5** Accessing Desktops Using the NVIDIA Settings Menu



## Activating Desktops From the Windows Desktop Properties Menu

- 1 Confirm that Desktop Manager is enabled.
- 2 Right click from your Windows desktop to display the properties menu.
- 3 Choose **nView Desktops** to view a list of your desktops.
- 4 Choose the desktop you want to activate.

## Activating Desktops from Desktop Explorer

See “Renaming, Deleting, and Activating Desktops from Desktop Explorer” on page 100.

## Activating Desktops With Hot Keys

See “Using Hot Keys” on page 154.

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## Renaming Desktops

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Click **Rename** to rename the selected desktop from a text-input dialog box where you can type in a new name for the selected desktop.

**Note:** You cannot rename the Default desktop.

You can perform the same function from the Desktop Explorer; see “Renaming, Deleting, and Activating Desktops from Desktop Explorer” on page 100.

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## Removing Desktops

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Click **Remove** to remove the selected desktop from the list.

Once you delete a desktop, it is removed from the list of desktops. The applications on the deleted desktop now move to the Default desktop.

**Note:** You cannot remove the startup (or *default*) desktop.

You can perform the same function from the Desktop Explorer; see “Renaming, Deleting, and Activating Desktops from Desktop Explorer” on page 100.

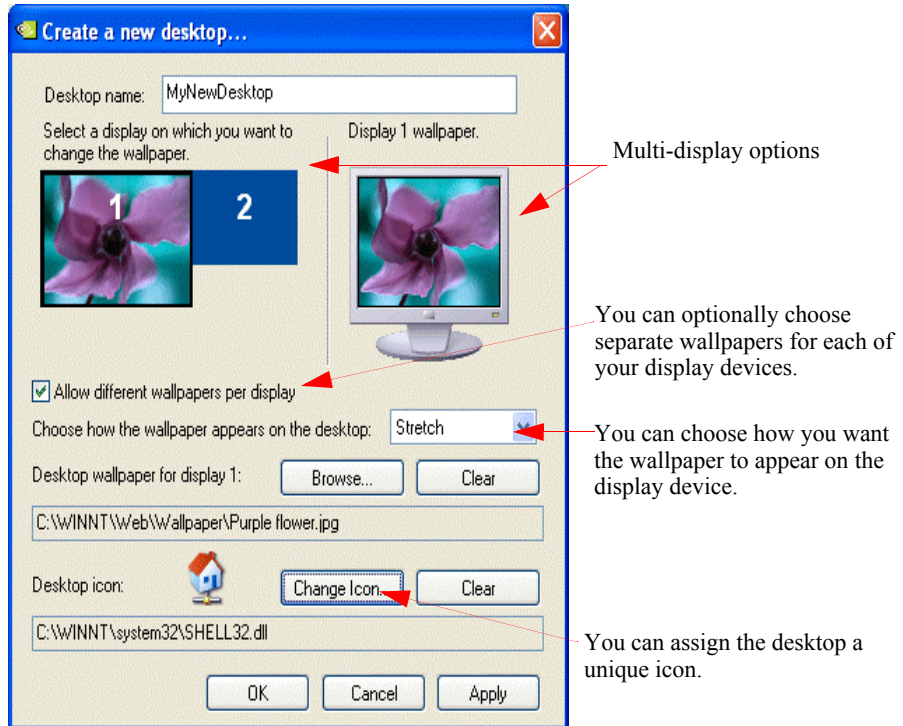
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## Properties: Changing Wallpaper and Desktop Icons

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The **Properties** option lets you change the background of the selected desktop and assign an icon to represent the desktop.

- 1 From the Desktops page, select the desktop for which you want to change the background and/or icon.
- 2 Click **Properties** to open a dialog box where you can set or change the background wallpaper and icon. From this dialog box, you can perform the following *optional* tasks, as shown in [Figure 8.6](#):
  - Browse for different wallpapers (graphics files)
  - When using multiple display devices, choose separate wallpapers for each display device.

**Figure 8.6** Changing Properties for Multiple Displays

- Set the wallpaper style (tiled, centered, stretched)
- Set set the desktop icon.

## Selecting a Background for the Desktop

- 1 To assign a background to the desktop, click **Browse**.
- 2 Select a graphics file to use.

**Note:** The type of background (wallpaper) you select for your desktop can significantly affect how quickly you can switch from one desktop to another. Desktop switching performance from fastest to slowest based on types of desktop backgrounds is listed below:

Type of Desktop Background	Fastest to Slowest Desktop Switching Speed
None	Fastest
Bitmap	Faster
Active desktop bitmap	Fast
Active desktop .JPEG file	Slower
Active desktop .HTML	Slowest

- 3 From the drop-down list, click **Stretch**, **Tile**, or **Center**, depending on how you want the background to be displayed.

The background you select is immediately reflected in the monitor icon in the dialog box, as shown in [Figure 8.6](#).

Notice that the background change takes effect immediately if you are modifying your current desktop. If you are modifying a different desktop, the change is applied the next time you switch to that desktop.

- 4 If you want to completely remove the background, click **Clear**.
- 5 Click **OK** to return to the Desktops page, or continue to the next section if you want to set, change, or remove the icon representation of your desktop.

## Selecting Separate Backgrounds Per Display

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To select different Wallpapers per display in a multi-display setup, follow these steps:

- 1 Click the **Allow different Wallpaper per display** option to enable (check) it and click **Apply**.
- 2 As shown in [Figure 8.6](#), click the monitor icon (1 or 2) for which you want to change the Wallpaper, click **Browse** and proceed according to the steps shown in the previous section.
- 3 To change the Wallpaper for the second display, repeat the previous step.

## Selecting a Desktop Icon

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To assign an icon to a desktop, follow these steps:

- 1 Click **Change Icon**.
- 2 Select a graphics file to use.

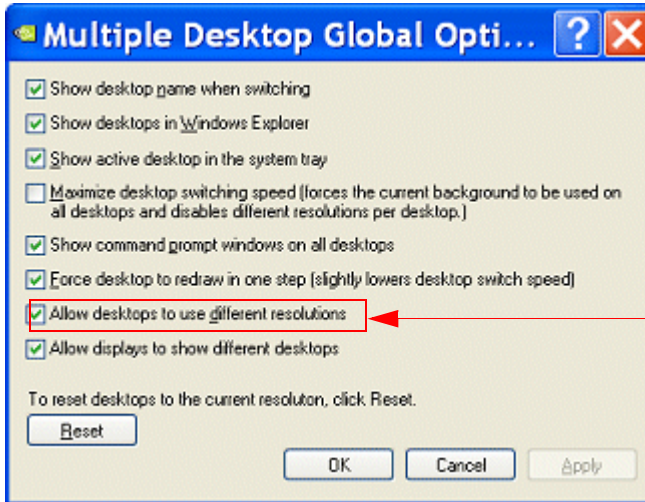
Notice that the selected icon is immediately reflected by the icon image, as shown in the example in [Figure 8.6](#).

- 3 If you want to completely remove the icon, click **Clear**.
- 4 Click **OK** to return to the Desktops page.

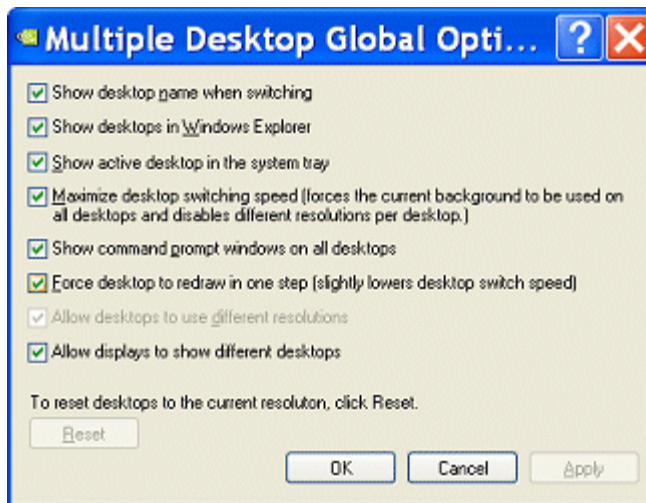
## Multiple Desktop Global Options

To display the **Multiple Desktop Global Options** dialog box (Figure 8.7) click **Options** from the Desktops page.

**Figure 8.7** Multiple Desktop Global Options



This option is available *only* when using a graphics card based on one of the NVIDIA Quadro series of GPUs





## Show Desktop Name When Switching

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If this option is enabled, when you switch desktops, the name of the desktop to which you switched will be shown for approximately two (2) seconds on every display device in your setup; then the desktop name will fade out.

**Note:** In Span modes (and Multiview mode in Windows NT 4.0), the desktop name is only shown on one display.

## Show Desktops in Windows Explorer

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See “[Showing Desktops in Windows Explorer](#)” on page 97.

## Show Active Desktop in the System Tray

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If this option is enabled, the current desktop icon will be displayed in the Windows system tray (the area on the right side of the taskbar).

You can also use this system tray icon to switch between desktops.

## Maximize Desktop Switching Speed

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Enabling this option results in the very quick switching between desktops by forcing the current wallpaper background on all desktops and disabling different resolutions per desktop.

**Note:** You cannot enable both this option and the **Allow desktops to use different speeds** option at the same time because of memory constraints that can affect performance of both features.

## Show Command Prompt Windows on All Desktops

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When you enable this option, every command prompt window shows on every desktop. When you disable this option, command prompt windows only appear on the desktop on which they were opened.

## Force Desktop to Redraw in One Step

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When you enable this option, desktops are redrawn in one step when you switch desktops. However, this action may slow down the desktop switching speed.



## Allow Desktops to Use Different Resolutions

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When you enable this option, you can set different screen resolutions for each of your desktops.

**Note:** You cannot enable both this option and the **Maximize desktop switching speed** options at the same time, because of memory constraints that can affect performance of both features.

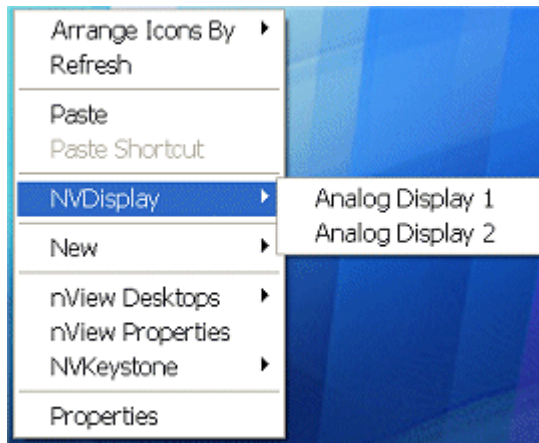
## Allow Displays to Show Different Desktops

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When you enable this option, you can assign each active display to a separate desktop. This means you can conveniently view more than one desktop (one on each display) simultaneously instead of viewing only one desktop at a time.

In the following example, there are two connected displays (in this example, **Analog Display 1** and **Analog Display 2** — to determine your displays, right click on your desktop to open the desktop menu and click **NVDisplay** as shown in [Figure 8.8](#)) and two desktops named **Default** and **Content Creation**.

**Figure 8.8** NVDisplay Indicating Connected Display Devices



You can use these steps to open a separate desktop on each of the two displays.

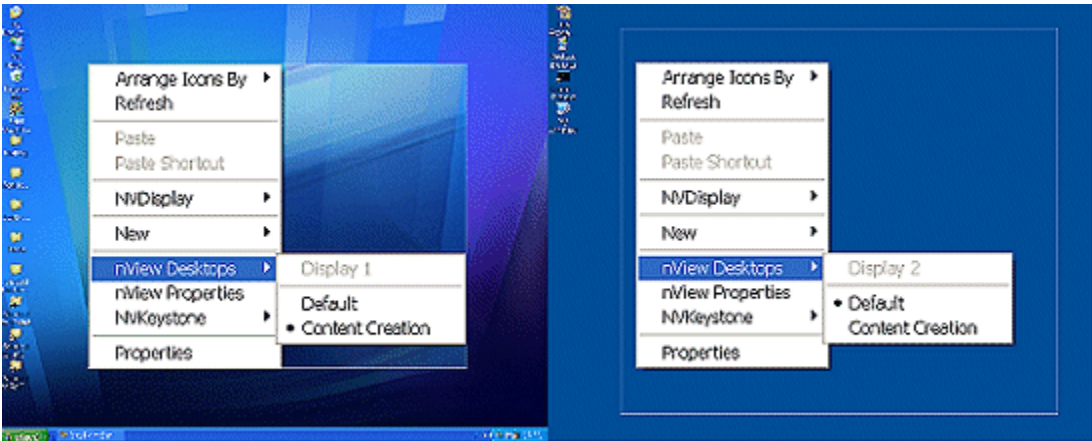
- 1 First, add the **nView Properties** and **nView Desktops** options to your Windows desktop menu — see [“Enable nView Options in the Windows Desktop Menu”](#) on page 109.
- 2 To display the **Default** desktop on your **Analog Display 1**, right-click your desktop on Analog Display 1 to open the desktop menu, click **nView Desktops** and **Default**.

The **Default** desktop is enabled on your **Analog Display 1** ([Figure 8.9](#)).

- 3 To display the **Content Creation** desktop on **Analog Display 2**, right-click your desktop on Analog Display 2 to open the desktop menu, click **nView Desktops** and **Content Creation**.

The **Content Creation** desktop is enabled on your **Analog Display 2** (Figure 8.9).

**Figure 8.9** Opening Separate Desktops on Separate Display Screens



## Reset Desktops to the Current Resolution

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Click **Reset** to reset all your desktops to; the resolution of your current desktop.

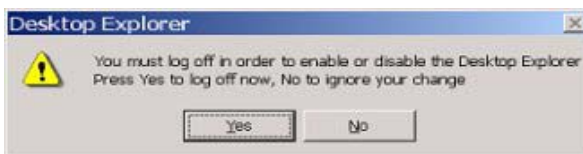
## Showing Desktops in Windows Explorer

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When you enable the **Show desktop in Windows Explorer** option, you can view desktops in the Windows Explorer folder tree.

- 1 Enable (check) this option to add the Desktop Explorer node to your Windows Explorer.
- 2 Click **Apply** for the setting to take effect. A prompt appears asking you to log off for the change to take effect (Figure 8.10).

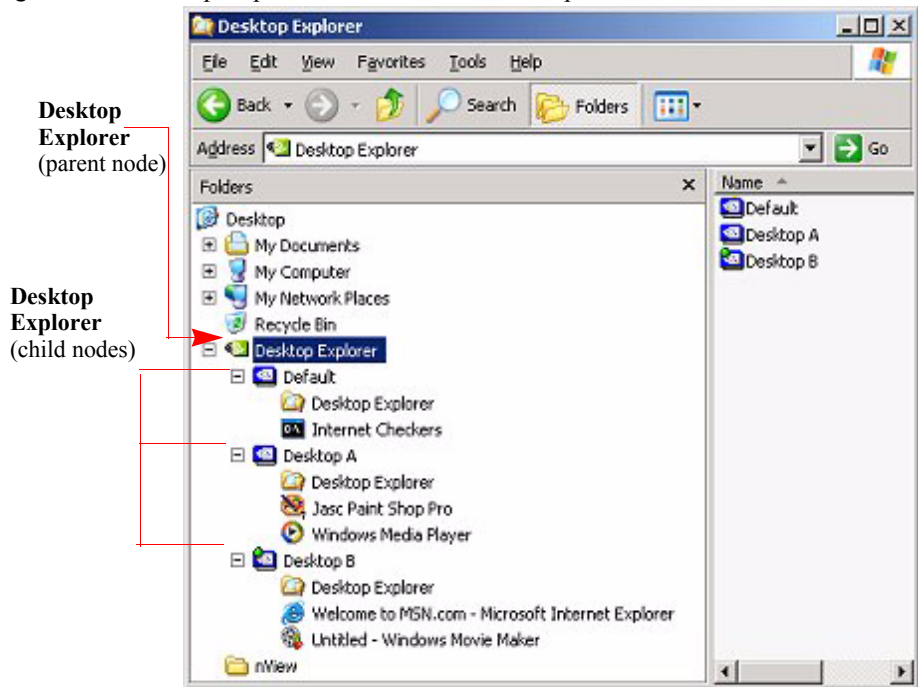
**Figure 8.10** Desktop Explorer Prompt



- 3 Click **Yes** to log off for the change to take effect, or **No** to ignore your change.

If you just enabled the Desktop Manager Explorer extension, once you log back in, it will be visible in your Windows Explorer window. A sample Desktop Explorer view is shown in [Figure 8.11](#).

**Figure 8.11** Desktop Explorer Nodes in Windows Explorer



If you disabled the Desktop Manager Explorer extension, once you log back in, it will be removed from your Windows Explorer window

**Note:** nView Desktop Explorer requires an installed version 6.0 or later of Internet Explorer. Note that while Internet Explorer 6.0 must be installed to use the Desktop Explorer, you can still use other web browsers for browsing the Web. For details on using the Desktop Explorer, see [“Using nView Desktop Explorer”](#) on page 98.

## Using nView Desktop Explorer

Activating the **Enable Desktop Explorer** adds a new **Desktop Explorer** node in the Windows Explorer tree ([Figure 8.12](#)), with each defined desktop being represented as a child node (with its name and icon) of the Desktop Explorer parent node.

When a desktop node is selected, the content pane can displays the applications present. To see the graphical representation of the desktop itself, you need to select the Desktop Explorer (parent node).

The active applications are displayed as leaves of each corresponding desktop node, allowing drag and drop and other common Explorer functionality.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

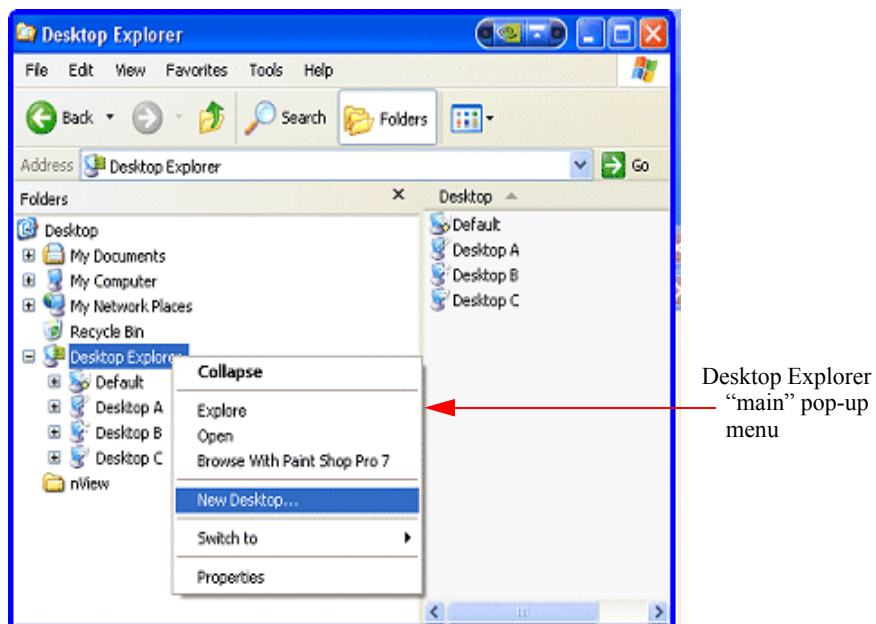
- “Creating Desktops from Desktop Explorer” on page 99
- “Renaming, Deleting, and Activating Desktops from Desktop Explorer” on page 100
- “Enhancing the Desktop Explorer “Thumbnails” View” on page 101
- “Using the Thumbnail Styles” on page 101
- “Moving Applications Between Desktops or to a New Desktop” on page 102
- “Accessing Other Application Settings from Desktop Explorer” on page 103

## Creating Desktops from Desktop Explorer

To create and add a desktop using the Desktop Explorer, follow these steps:

- 1 Right click Desktop Explorer in the Folders list, as shown in Figure 8.12.
- 2 Click **New Desktop** to display a dialog box to enter the desktop name.
- 3 Type the new desktop name (Figure 8.13) and click **OK**. The new desktop appears as a new desktop under Desktop Explorer.

**Figure 8.12** nView Desktop Explorer — Main Context Menu

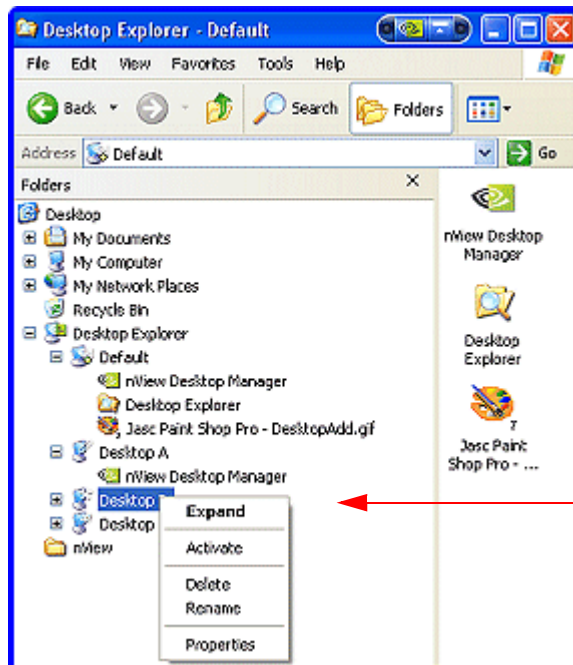


**Figure 8.13** Entering a Desktop Name

## Renaming, Deleting, and Activating Desktops from Desktop Explorer

Using the Desktop Explorer, you can also rename, delete, and activate (switch to) a selected desktop.

- 1 Right click the Desktop name in the Explorer window to display a pop-up properties menu, as shown in Figure 8.14.
- 2 Click one of these options:
  - **Activate:** This option immediately switches you over to the selected desktop.
  - **Delete** lets you delete the selected desktop.

**Figure 8.14** nView Desktop Explorer — Desktop Context Menu

Desktop Explorer  
“desktop” pop-up  
menu

- **Rename** lets you rename (in edit mode) the desktop name.  
Under **Windows NT 4.0**, clicking **Rename** displays a **Rename Desktop** dialog box in which you can enter a desktop name. Click **OK** when you are done and the new name replaces the old one in the Explorer window.
- **Properties:** Click this option to open the Desktops page.

## Enhancing the Desktop Explorer “Thumbnails” View

From the Desktop Explorer window, click the **View** menu to see a variety of styles you can choose to view your folders, files, and desktops in the content pane of the Explorer window. These styles include Lists, Icons, Details, and Thumbnails.

**Note:** In addition to the basic views offered by Windows Explorer, if you choose the **Thumbnails** view from the Desktop Explorer **View** menu, nView Desktop Manager provides a number of Thumbnail styles you can choose to display the desktops you have created.

Thumbnail style choices are:

- **Screenshot** shows an actual image of the desktop including wallpaper and windows. Note that this style requires the most processing power. Also note that the image displayed is a snapshot of the desktop when you switched from it is only updated when you switch from it, it does not dynamically update.
- **Geometry** shows the desktop wallpaper along with a wire frame view of the windows on the desktop. This thumbnail style dynamically updates as windows are opened and closed on the desktop.
- **Wallpaper** shows the desktop wallpaper only per desktop.
- **Disabled** shows the desktop icons only.

## Using the Thumbnail Styles

To use the Thumbnail styles for your desktops, follow these steps:

- 1 From the Desktop Explorer window, click the **View** menu and then the **Thumbnails** option to enable the Thumbnails option (if it isn't already enabled).
- 2 Click the icon labeled **Desktop Explorer** in the folder tree of your Explorer window to expand the folder so that you can view your desktops in the contents pane.
- 3 Then right click on the desktop for which you want to configure Thumbnail styles. A pop-up menu appears as shown in (Figure 8.14).

- 4 Click **Thumbnails** and then select one of these styles: **Disabled**, **Wallpaper**, **Screenshot**, or **Geometry** (Figure 8.15).
- 5 Not all thumbnail styles are supported by all operating systems. However, Windows XP supports all styles.

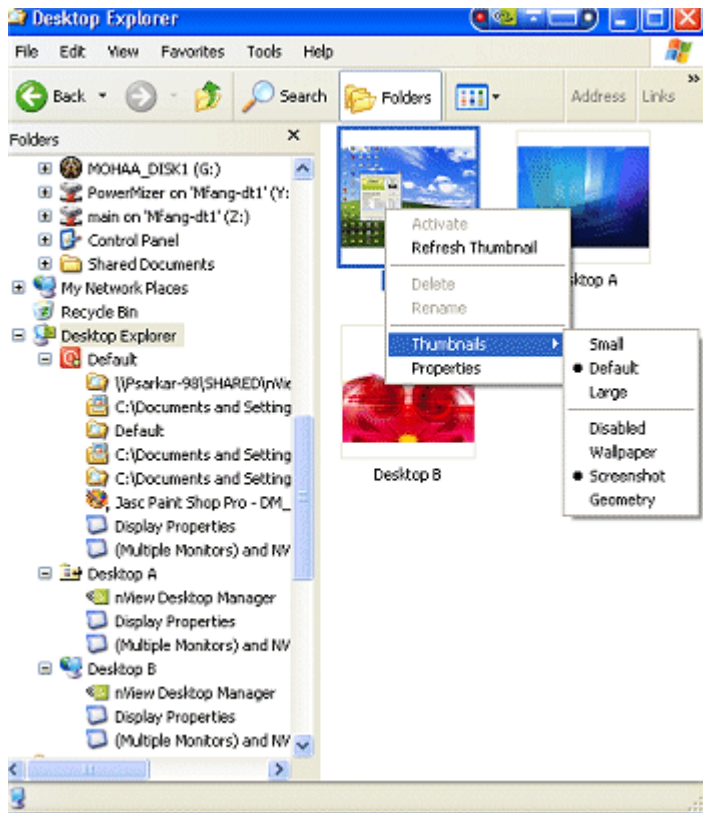
## Moving Applications Between Desktops or to a New Desktop

**Note:** If you enabled adding **nView options . . .** on the User Interface page, you can also move applications between desktops using the application's nView menu options. See “Customizing nView Menu Options” on page 125 and “nView Menu Options: Description” on page 127 for details.

You can use any of the following methods to “move” or “add” applications from one desktop to another:

- To move applications from one desktop to another, you can use your mouse to drag and drop applications from one desktop to another.

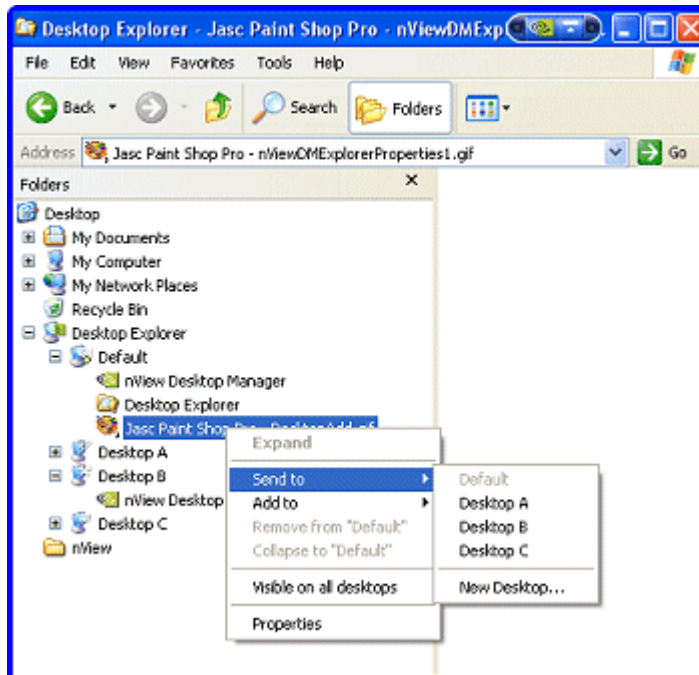
**Figure 8.15** nView Desktop Explorer — nView Desktop Thumbnails Styles





- To move or add application between desktops, you can highlight an application listed in a desktop and right click to display a properties menu, as shown in Figure 8.16. Then follow these steps:
  - a Click **Send to** (to move) or **Add to** (to add) followed by an existing desktop to which you want to move the application or add the application. The application will then appear under the desktop you selected.
  - b If you want to create a new desktop on which you want to place the application, click **New Desktop**, enter the name of the new desktop in the dialog box that appears, and click **OK**. The application will appear under the new desktop.

**Figure 8.16** nView Desktop Explorer — “Send to *Desktop n*” Application Settings



## Accessing Other Application Settings from Desktop Explorer

Using the Desktop Explorer, you can access a few application-specific settings as explained below.

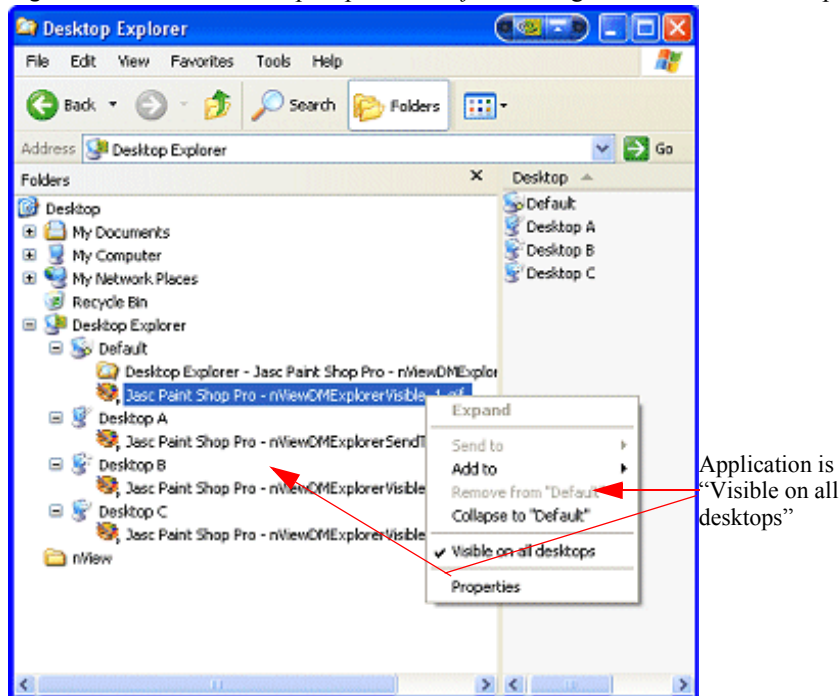
**Note:** If you enabled adding **nView options . . .** on the User Interface page, you can also access these application-specific options using the application’s nView menu options. See “Customizing nView Menu Options” on page 125 and “nView Menu Options: Description” on page 127 for details.

- **Visible on all desktops**

To access this option, follow these steps:

- Right click an application in a desktop to display a properties menu, as shown in Figure 8.16.
- Then click **Visible on all desktops** to check the option and enable it.
- Notice that the application now appears under each of your desktops, as shown in Figure 8.17.

**Figure 8.17** nView Desktop Explorer — *After Setting “Visible on all desktops”*



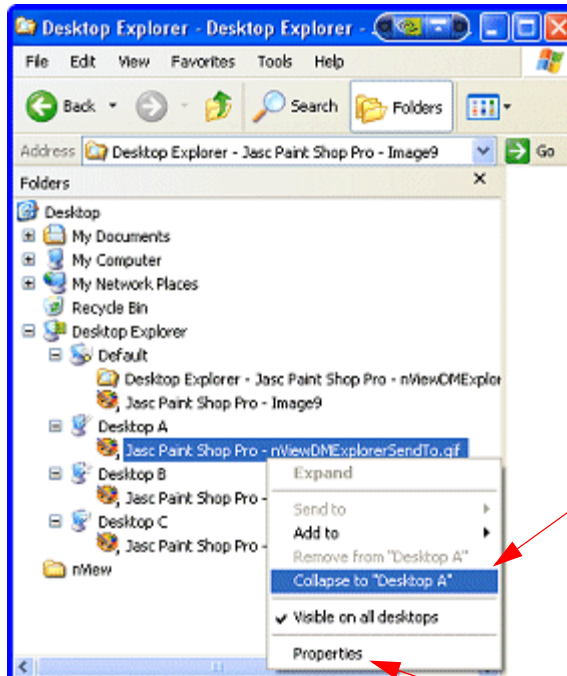
- **Collapse to <desktop name>**

Once you enable the **Visible on all desktops** option for an application, you can undo the process by limiting the availability of the application to only one desktops. To do so, follow these steps:

- Right click the instance of the application that appears in the desktop in which you want the application to remain.
- From the properties menu that appears, click **Collapse to <desktop name>**, as shown in Figure 8.18.

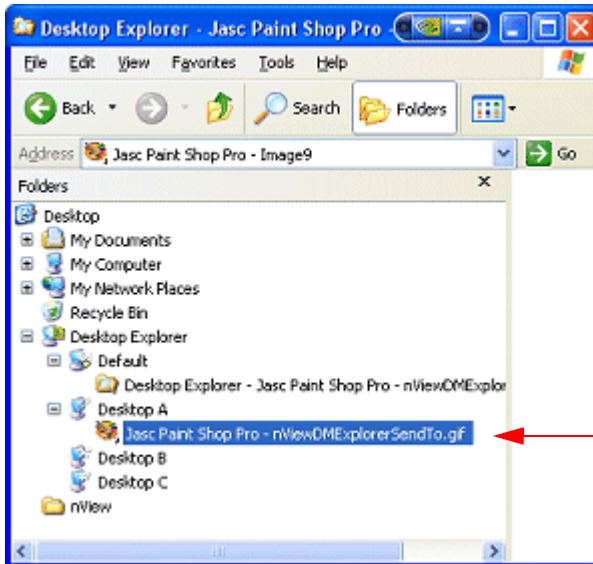
- c Notice that the application is removed from all desktops except the one under which you wanted the application to remain, as shown in [Figure 8.19](#).
- **Properties.** Click **Properties** ([Figure 8.18](#)) to open the **Applications** page. For details on using the Applications settings, see “[Managing Applications: For Advanced Users](#)” on page 176.

**Figure 8.18** nView Desktop Explorer — “Collapse to *Desktop n*” Application Setting



Click “**Collapse to desktop *n***” to remove the application from other desktops.

Click **Properties** to open the **Applications** page.

**Figure 8.19** nView Desktop Explorer — *After Setting “Collapse to Desktop n”*

Applications “collapsed” to selected desktop and removed from other desktops.

## Advanced Options

- Using the **Add to desktop** option, you can place an application on any number or subset of desktops.

For example, if you had four desktops named “**Default**”, “**Desk2**”, “**Desk3**”, and “**Desk4**” and you had an application on Default, you could Add it to Desk3. After adding the application to Desk3, the application would exist on Default and Desk3 but not on Desk2 and Desk4.

- Using the **Remove from desktop** option, you can remove an application from an individual desktop.

# USING THE USER INTERFACE OPTIONS

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- “Enable nView Options in the Windows Desktop Menu” on page 109
- “Show Notification Messages on Taskbar” on page 110
- “Enable nView Task Switcher” on page 110
- “Enable nView Toolbar” on page 110
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## About User Interface Options

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The User Interface options let you control the nView Desktop Manager user interface and how it is applied to windows.

For example, using the User Interface options, you can control the following:

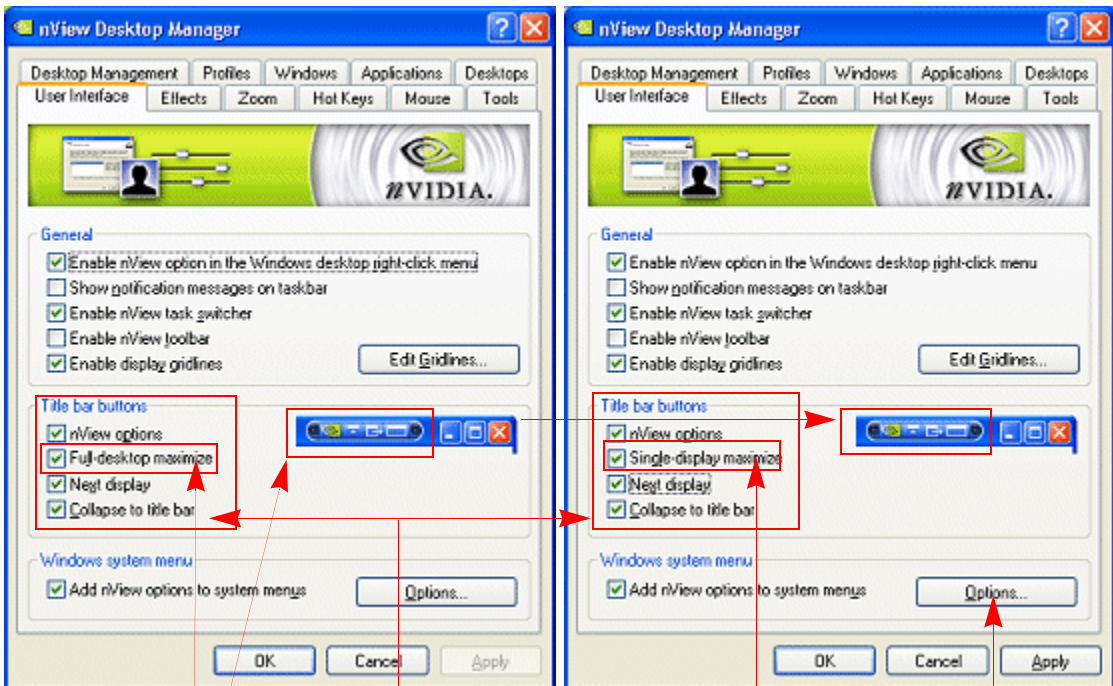
- Addition of button features to your Windows application title bars
- Availability of options on the nView options menu.
- How nView notifies you of changes in your desktop state

- How nView Desktop Manager is displayed on the Windows desktop

## Accessing the User Interface Page

- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **User Interface** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager **User Interface** page (Figure 9.1).

**Figure 9.1** User Interface Page Options



These nView **button icons** represent application title bar buttons that appear on your application, based on the corresponding **check boxes** that you have enabled. Each button represents an enabled check box.

“**Full-desktop maximize**” option is available under nView Single, Clone, and Dualview modes.

“**Single-display maximize**” option is available under nView Span modes.

Click **Options** to open the nView Menu Options dialog box.

## Enable nView Options in the Windows Desktop Menu

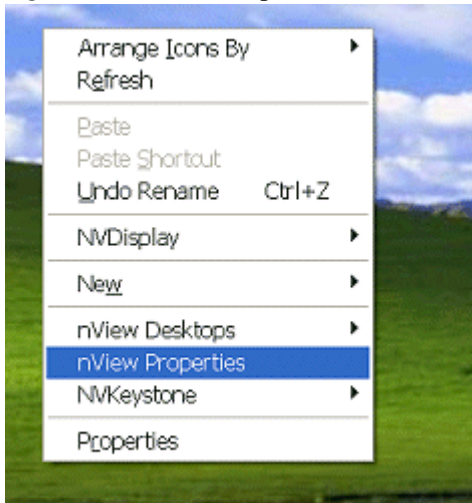
The option **Enable nView option in the Windows desktop right-click menu** controls whether the **nView Properties** and **nView Desktop** menu choices appear in your Windows desktop “right-click” menu.

- 1 To quickly access the nView Desktop Manager control panel and multi-desktops from your Windows desktop right-click menu, enable this option — **Enable “nView option” in the Windows desktop right-click menu.**

**Note:** It is recommended that you keep this option enabled.

- 2 Click **Apply**.
- 3 From your Windows desktop, right-click to display the desktop menu (Figure 9.2).

**Figure 9.2** nView Properties and nView Desktops as Options on the Desktop Menu



Notice that **nView Properties** and **nView Desktops** (appears *only* if you have created and enabled multiple desktops from the Desktops page) appear as options on the menu.

- 4 Click **nView Properties** to display the nView Desktop Manager control panel.
- 5 Click **nView Desktops** to access your nView desktops.

If you disable (clear the check box) **Enable nView option in the Windows desktop right-click menu** and click **Apply**, the nView Properties and nView Desktops entries are also cleared from the Windows desktop menu.



**Note:** It is recommended that you keep this option *enabled* for the most convenient access to the nView Desktop Manager control panel and multi-desktops.

## Show Notification Messages on Taskbar

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This option controls whether a balloon help notification message is displayed on the taskbar when a major change in the nView desktop state occurs.

For example, transparent windows are not compatible with Direct3D applications and must be disabled when a Direct3D application starts. If notification messages are enabled, then if a Direct3D application starts and nView Desktop Manager needs to turn off transparency, a message will pop up informing you of this change.

## Enable nView Task Switcher

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When this option is enabled, nView enhances the standard Windows application task switcher.

By default, you can access this enhanced “task switcher” functionality through a **Alt-~** keystroke combination, which you can change through options in the Hot Keys page. (See “Using Hot Keys” on page 154.)

The nView Desktop Manager task switcher performs the following functions:

- Indicates the desktop on which your selected application is located
- Allows you to switch among desktops
- Allows you to switch among applications on a specific desktop

## Enable nView Toolbar

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When enabled, the nView Desktop Manager toolbar lets you place commonly used nView Desktop Manager **Actions** as well as **Profiles** and **Desktops** on a dockable toolbar from which you can access these features quickly with a single click of a button.

To enable and use the nView toolbar, follow these steps:

- 1 From the User Interface page, click **Enable nView toolbar**.
- 2 Click **Apply** to display the nView toolbar on your desktop.
- 3 To close the toolbar, right-click on the nView toolbar title bar and click **Close** or click the “x” button on the right corner of the nView toolbar window.

When you close the nView toolbar, notice that the **Enable nView toolbar** option in the User Interface page is disabled, i.e., cleared of its check mark.

- 4 To re-enable the toolbar, you have to repeat steps 1. and 2.

**Note:** The nView toolbar functions just like any other Windows toolbar, such as the Windows taskbar. For details on how to work with the nView toolbar, you can refer the Windows Help for working with Windows toolbars and the taskbar, in particular.

## Enabling and Disabling Actions, Profiles, and Desktop Options

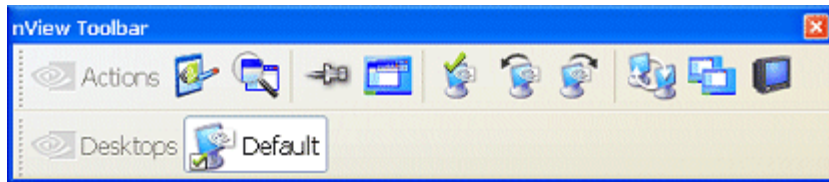
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You can toggle between enabling and disabling the nView toolbar band for any of these nView Desktop Manager components:

- **Desktops**
- **Actions**
- **Profiles**

Figure 9.3 shows two of the three nView Desktop Manager components enabled.

**Figure 9.3** nView Toolbar — Actions and Desktops Components *Enabled*.

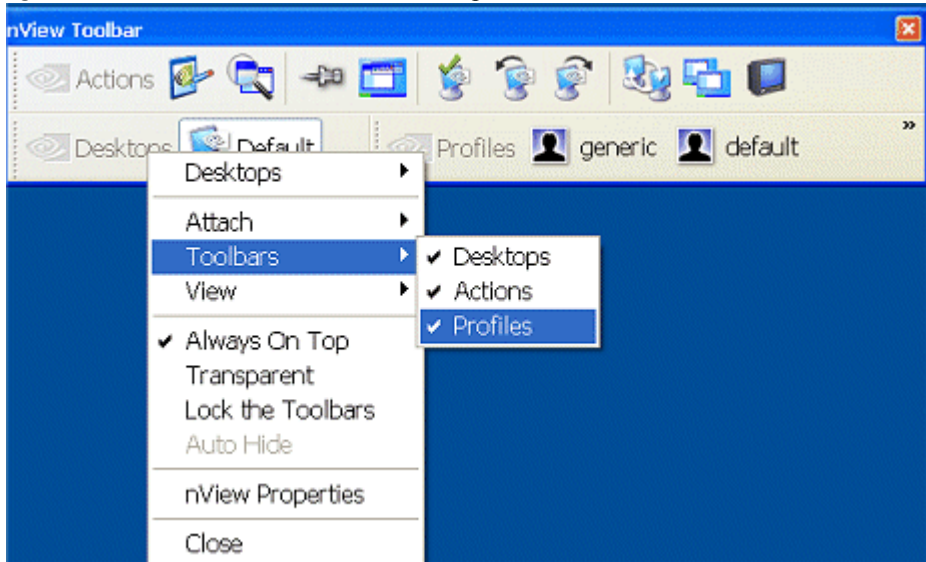


To enable the Profiles component, for example, follow these steps:

- 1 Right-click on the toolbar to display the context menu.
- 2 Select the **Profiles** “unchecked” component to enable (check) it.

Notice that the Profiles component is added to the nView toolbar (Figure 9.4).

- 3 You can also remove any of the enabled bands by using steps 1 and 2 to disable (uncheck) the enabled component.

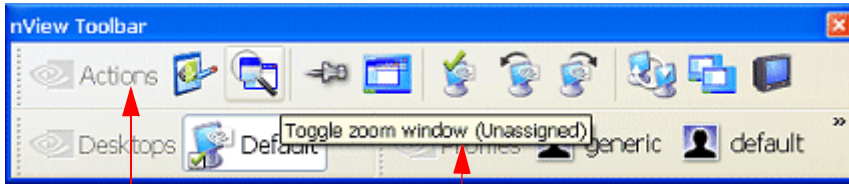
**Figure 9.4** nView Toolbar — Profiles Component *Enabled*

## Viewing the Descriptions of nView Toolbar Buttons

To view any of the descriptions of the **Actions**, **Desktops**, or **Profiles** buttons on the nView toolbar, simply rest your mouse cursor on the button until the “tool tip” text description appears (Figure 9.5). Tool tip text can also include additional information such as the target application for “Toggle always on top” or “Toggle transparency” actions. You can also control text and title options for the **Actions**, **Desktops**, and **Profiles** nView toolbar buttons.

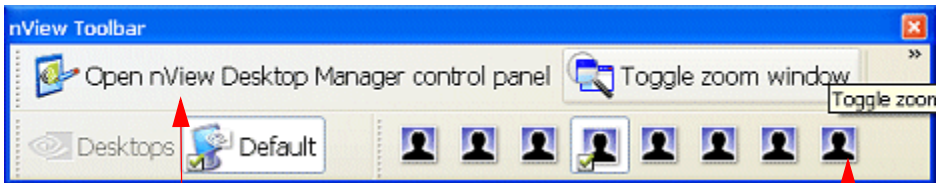
- 1 Right-click the nView toolbar, click **Actions**, **Desktops**, or **Profiles**, depending where you are clicking.
- 2 Select **Show title** and/or **Show text**.

Figure 9.5 shows several views of enabled and disabled “Show Text” and “Show Title” options. It also shows a “tool tip” example.

**Figure 9.5** nView Toolbar — “Show Title” and “Show Text” Options

**Actions** menu with “Show Title” *enabled* and “Show Text” *disabled*

Example of “**tool tip**” text



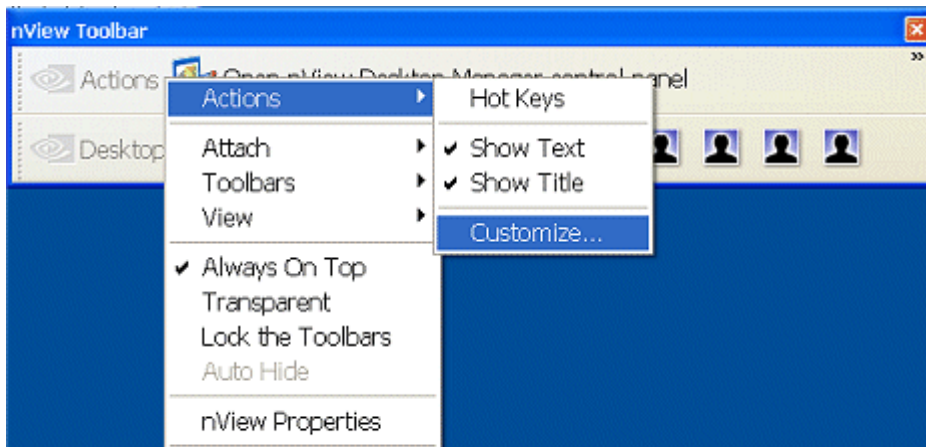
**Actions** menu with “Show Title” *disabled* and “Show Text” *enabled*

**Profiles** menu with “Show Title” and “Show Text” *disabled*

## Removing, Adding, and Arranging Actions

You can add, remove, and arrange the actions that appear on the Actions component of the nView toolbar.

- 1 From the nView toolbar, right-click the **Actions** component to display its context menu.
- 2 Click **Customize** (Figure 9.6) to display the **Customize Toolbar** dialog box (Figure 9.7).

**Figure 9.6** nView Toolbar — “Customize” Option from the Actions Context Menu

**Figure 9.7** nView Toolbar — Customize Toolbar Dialog Box

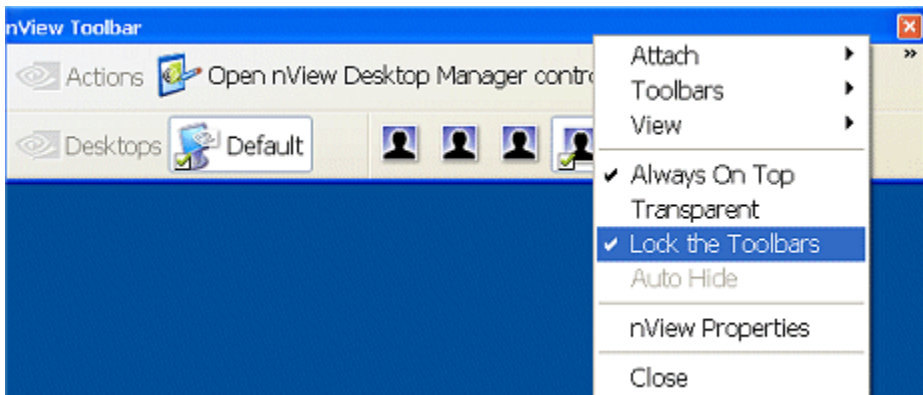
- 3 For details on how to use the Customize Toolbar dialog box, press **F1** to display Windows context Help.

## Locking and Unlocking the nView Toolbar Components

**Note:** When you lock the nView toolbar components into position, they cannot be moved or rearranged inside the nView toolbar frame.

To lock the nView toolbar components (i.e., the **Profiles**, **Desktop**, and/or **Actions** bars, depending on what is displayed on your nView toolbar) into position, follow these steps:

- 1 Right-click the nView toolbar and click **Lock the Toolbars** (Figure 9.8).

**Figure 9.8** nView Toolbar — “Lock the Toolbars” *Enabled*

- 2 To disable the option, click **Lock the Toolbars** again to clear the check mark.

- 3 You can now drag any of the nView toolbar component bars (i.e., the Profiles, Desktop, and/or Actions bars, depending on what is displayed on your nView toolbar) to a different area within the nView toolbar frame.

## Docking and Undocking the nView Toolbar

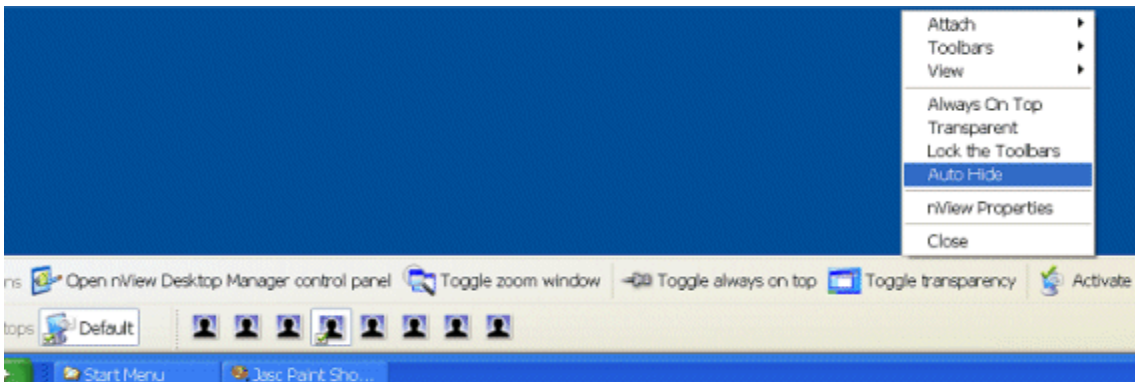
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You can “dock” and “undock” your nView toolbar by choosing, respectively, to “attach” or “detach” the toolbar to/from the top, bottom, left, or right edges of your Windows desktop. If you have a multi-display setup and want to dock your nView toolbar, you can move the nView toolbar to a different display.

- 1 Right-click the nView toolbar and then click **Attach** (Figure 9.10.).
- 2 From the context menu, choose any one of these tasks:
  - Select **Top**, **Bottom**, **Left**, or **Right** if your nView toolbar is not yet docked and you want to dock it to one of these edges of your desktop.
  - Select **Detach** to “undock” your nView toolbar from one of the docked positions.
  - Select a **Display** choice if you have a multiple-display setup and want to move your nView toolbar to a specified display.

Figure 9.9 shows an nView toolbar docked to the “Bottom” edge of a Windows desktop.

**Figure 9.9** nView Toolbar — Docked to the “Bottom” of the Windows Desktop



## Auto-Hiding the nView Toolbar

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**Note:** The nView toolbar must be attached in order to access the **Auto-Hide** option. You cannot access the Auto-Hide option if your nView toolbar is detached.

- 1 To hide the nView toolbar, right-click the nView toolbar and click **Auto-Hide** from the context menu (Figure 9.9).
- 2 To re-display the taskbar, point to the area of your screen where the nView toolbar is located.

**Note:** If you want to be sure that the nView toolbar will be visible whenever you point to it, select the **Always on top** of other windows check box (see [Keeping the nView Toolbar on Top of Other Windows](#)) and also select the **Auto-hide** the taskbar check box.

## Keeping the nView Toolbar on Top of Other Windows

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Right-click the nView toolbar and click **Always on Top** from the context menu if you want to ensure that the nView toolbar is always visible, even when you run a program in a maximized (full screen) window.

## Enabling and Using Display Gridlines

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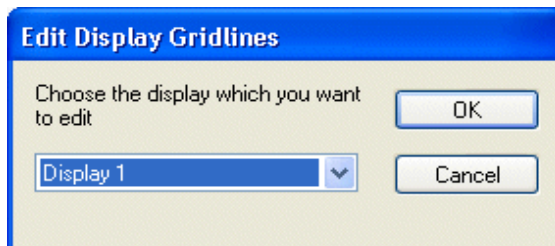
When you enable the **Enable gridlines** option (Figure 9.11) from the User Interface page, you can define grids on each of your displays. The grids function as sub-monitors for repositioning and maximizing dialog boxes.

- Under **NVIDIA GeForce**-based graphics cards, you can define up to four (**4**) **grids**.
- Under **NVIDIA Quadro**-based graphics cards, you can define up to nine (**9**) **grids**.

Follow these steps to create grid lines:

- 1 From the User Interface page, select the **Enable display gridlines** check box and click **Apply**.
- 2 Then click **Edit Gridlines**. The Edit Display Gridlines dialog box appears (Figure 9.10).

**Figure 9.10** Edit Display Gridlines.

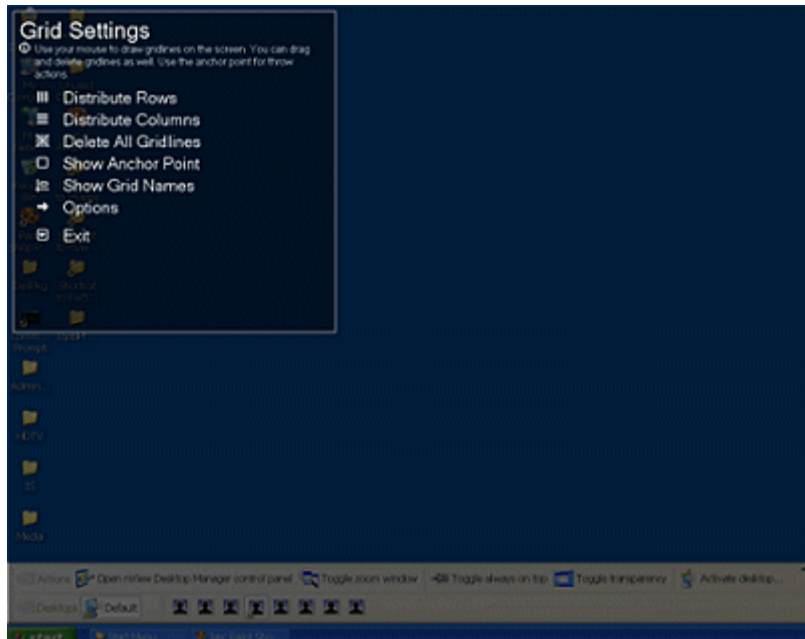




- 3 Click the list and select the display on which you want to set up your gridlines. Then click **OK**.

The Grid Settings screen appears over the darkened desktop (Figure 9.11).

**Figure 9.11** Grid Settings — Main Menu.

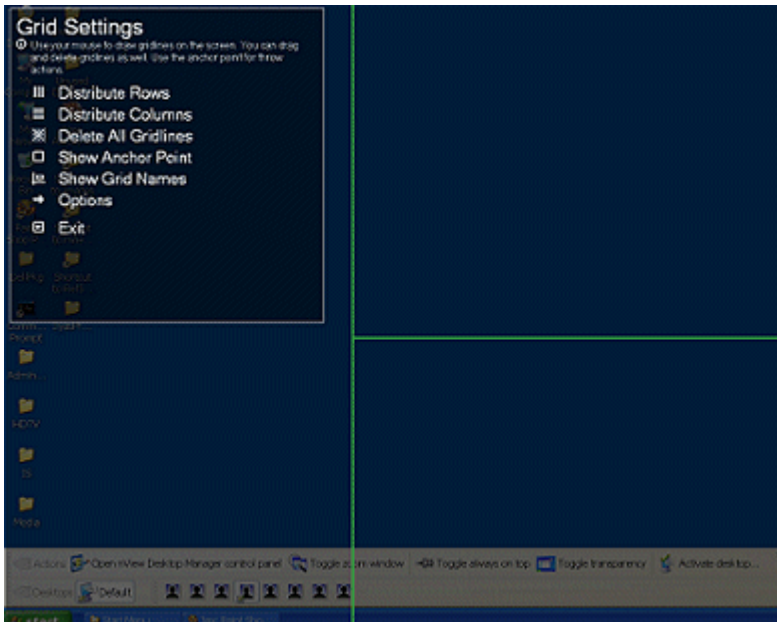


- 4 To create a grid line on the darkened desktop, simply click on a point where you want the line to appear and drag vertically or horizontally, depending on whether you want a horizontal or vertical line. Release the mouse and the line is drawn automatically.

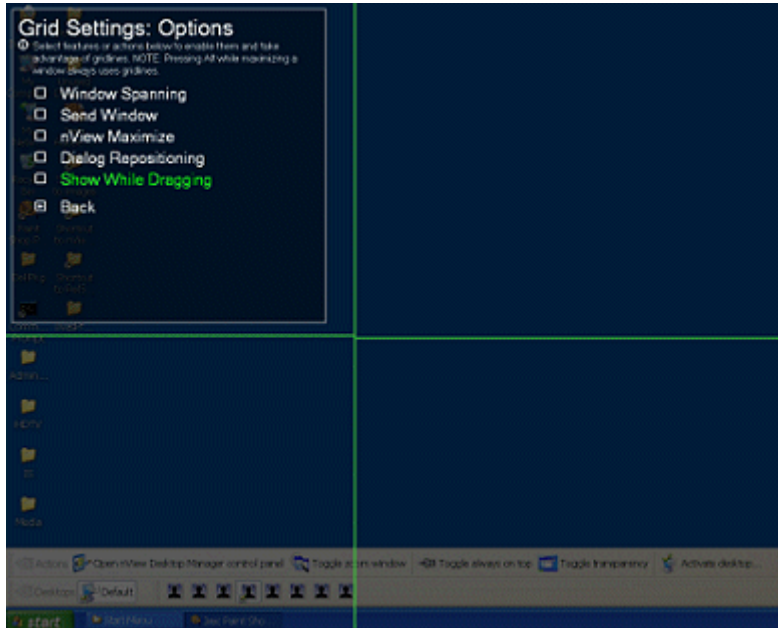
Figure 9.12 shows a desktop with one horizontal gridline and one vertical gridline used to create three sub-display regions.

**Note:** You can create from two (2) to a maximum of nine (9) such sub-display regions when using Quadro GPU-based graphics cards, or up to nine (9) such regions when using GeForce GPU-based graphics cards.

- 5 Use the Grid Settings main menu options to create and work with gridlines.
- 6 To display the grid number, click **Show Grid Names** from the Grid Settings main menu. Figure 9.13 shows grid numbers displayed.
- 7 Use the Grid Settings main menu options to create and work with gridlines.

**Figure 9.12** Gridlines Drawn and Displayed**Figure 9.13** Grid Names Displayed

- 8** To set up other grid controls, click **Options**. The Grid Settings: Options menu appears (Figure 9.14).

**Figure 9.14** Grid Settings — Options Menu

**9** Click **Back** when done to return to the previous screen — the Grid Settings main menu.

**10** Click **Exit** to return to the desktop.

## Adding Title Bar Buttons

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Adding nView Desktop Manager title bar buttons to application windows, as explained in the sections below, provides easy access to nView Desktop Manager features including the following:

- the nView options menu
- a windows minimization (collapse to title bar) button and
- desktop/monitor maximizing commands (max to desktop, max to monitor).

### nView Options

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When you enable the **nView options** check box (Figure 9.1), an nView Desktop Manager options menu button is added to every application window's title bar.

For addition details, see “Enabling the “nView Options” Title Bar Button” on page 124.

## Full-Desktop Maximize

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**Note:** This option is displayed if you are in **nView single display, Dualview, or Clone mode** (Figure 9.1).

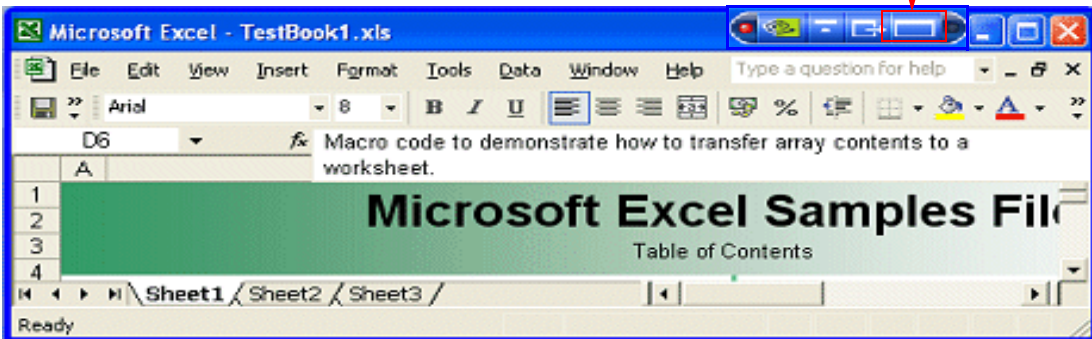
When you enable this option, the nView full-desktop maximize button is added to title bars on all application windows.

- 1 When in nView single-display, Clone, or Dualview mode, click the **Full desktop maximize** check box and click **Apply** to enable the option.

The nView full-desktop maximize button (square button shown in Figure 9.1 and Figure 9.15 below) is added to title bars on all application windows.

**Figure 9.15** nView Title Bar Button: “Full Desktop/Single-Display Maximize”

Full-desktop (single-display) maximize button



- 2 Click this square button to toggle between a custom maximized state (the application window maximizes to the full desktop) and a restored state.

## Single-Display Maximize

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**Note:** This option is displayed if you are in nView Span (Horizontal or Vertical) mode under Windows 2000/XP (Figure 9.1).

When you enable this option, the nView single display maximize button is added to title bars on all application windows.

- 1 When in nView Horizontal or Vertical Span mode, click the **Single-display maximize** check box and click **Apply** to enable the option.

The nView **single-display maximize button** (square button shown in Figure 9.1 and Figure 9.15 previously) is added to title bars on all application windows.

- 2 Click this square button to toggle between a custom maximized state (the application window maximizes to the entire screen of the display device on which the application is located) and a restored state.

## Next Display

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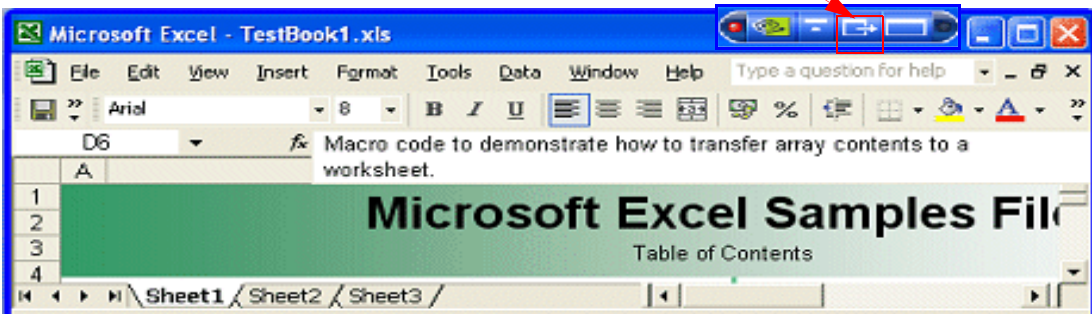
Click the **Next display** nView title bar button to move the application window to the next display.

- 1 From the User Interface page, enable the **Next display** check box.
- 2 Click **Apply**.

The “next display” button is added to the nView title bar button, as shown in [Figure 9.15](#).

**Figure 9.16** nView Title Bar Button — “Next Display”

Click this “**next display**” button to move the application window to your next display device.



## Collapse to Title Bar

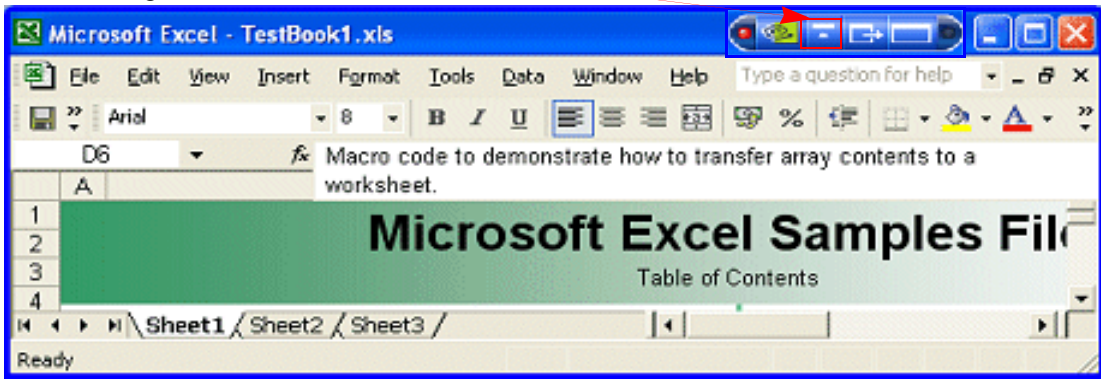
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Click the “collapse to title bar” button to “toggle” between shrinking the application window to just its title bar (or the smallest size possible for the window) AND restoring the window to its former size.

- 1 Click the **Collapse to title bar** check box and click **Apply** to enable the option ([Figure 9.1](#)).  
The nView “collapse to title bar” button (shown in [Figure 9.1](#) and [Figure 9.17](#)) is added to the title bars on all application windows.
- 2 When you click the “collapse to title bar” button (shown in [Figure 9.18](#)), the application window shrinks in size to just its title bar (or the smallest size possible for the window) as shown in [Figure 9.17](#).
- 3 When you click the button again, the window is restored to its former size, also shown in [Figure 9.17](#).

**Figure 9.17** nView Title Bar Button: “Collapse to Title Bar”

1) Click the “Collapse to title bar” button to shrink the application window to only its title bar, as shown in the image below.



2) On the collapsed title bar, click the same button *again* to restore the application window to its original size, as shown in the above image.



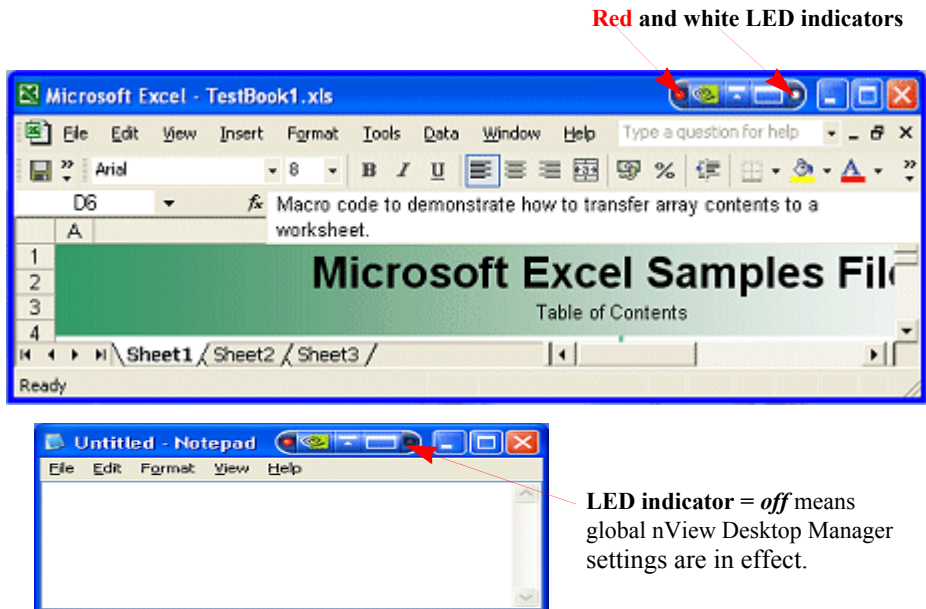
## About the Title Bar Buttons LED Status Indicators

In addition to allowing quick access to controls, the nView button bar also provides status LEDs on each side.

- On the *left side* of the nView button bar is a **LED** that is either *off* or *red*.
  - When the **LED is off**, this means that the application does not have any nView Desktop Manager functions disabled for the window.
  - When the **LED is red** (shown in Figure 9.18), then certain nView Desktop Manager functions for the application window are disabled.

**Note:** To determine the Desktop Manager functions that are disabled, open the nView options menu for the application and select “**About this app...**”.



**Figure 9.18** nView Title Bar Button: LED Indicator

- On the *right side* of the nView button bar is a **LED** that is either *off* or *white* (shown in Figure 9.18).
  - When **LED is off**, the window uses *global nView settings*.
  - When **LED is white**, the application has *individual (application) settings* defined for it.

## Accessing nView Menu Options

Using the nView options menu, you can quickly and easily access nView Desktop Manager features from any application. The nView menu options are described in “[nView Menu Options: Description](#)” on page 127.

You can also access nView application-specific options from the nView options menu. For example, with certain applications such as Internet Explorer (minimum version 6.0), you can create links between two Internet Explorer windows.

There are two basic ways you can access nView menu options from your application — you can enable one or more of these methods at any given time.

- You can enable the nView options menu title bar button and then click the button to open the nView options menu. For details, see “[Enabling the “nView Options” Title Bar Button](#)” on page 124.



- Another way to access the same nView options menu is by adding the menu item “nView Options” to an application’s system menu. Every window has a “system menu” for basic tasks such as moving or resizing the window. For details, see “Adding “nView Options” to Application System Menus” on page 124.

## Enabling the “nView Options” Title Bar Button

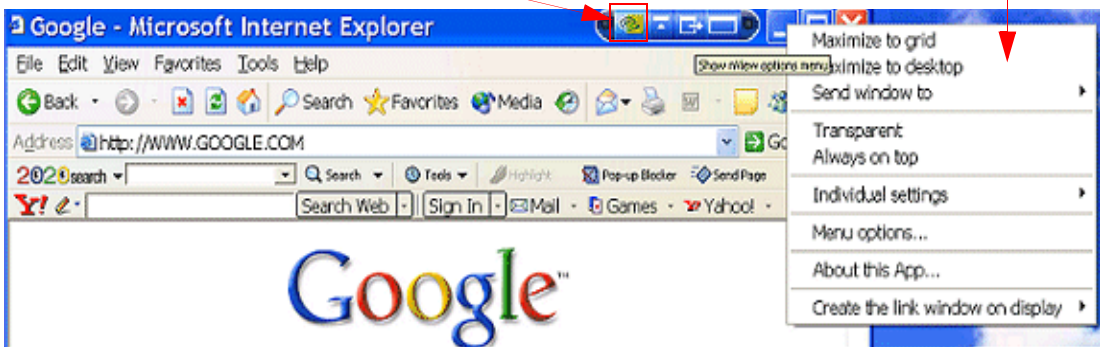
- 1 To enable nView options title bar button, first select the **nView options** check box and click **Apply** (Figure 9.1).

(To clear the check box, click it again and click **Apply**.)

An nView Desktop Manager options menu button is added to every application window’s title bar — an example is shown in Figure 9.19.

**Figure 9.19** nView Title Bar Button: “nView Options”

Click the **nView options menu button** from the application’s title bar to display the **nView options menu**.



- 2 Now you can click the green nView options menu button from the application’s title bar to display the nView options menu (Figure 9.19).

## Adding “nView Options” to Application System Menus

Another way to access the same nView options menu is by adding the menu item “nView Options” to an application’s system menu. Follow these steps to do so:

- 1 From the User Interface page, enable the option (check box) **Add nView options to system menus**.
- 2 Click **Apply**.
- 3 You can now use one of two methods to display the nView options menu:

Right click an application's title bar and click the **nView options** menu item (Figure 9.20) *or* right click the “minimized” application icon in the Windows taskbar and click the **nView options** menu item (Figure 9.20).

**Figure 9.20** Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Options Menu

Click **nView Options** from the application's title bar as another way to display the **nView Desktop Manager options menu**.



Right click the application name/icon from the Windows task bar and click **nView Options** to display the nView Desktop Manager options menu.

## Customizing nView Menu Options

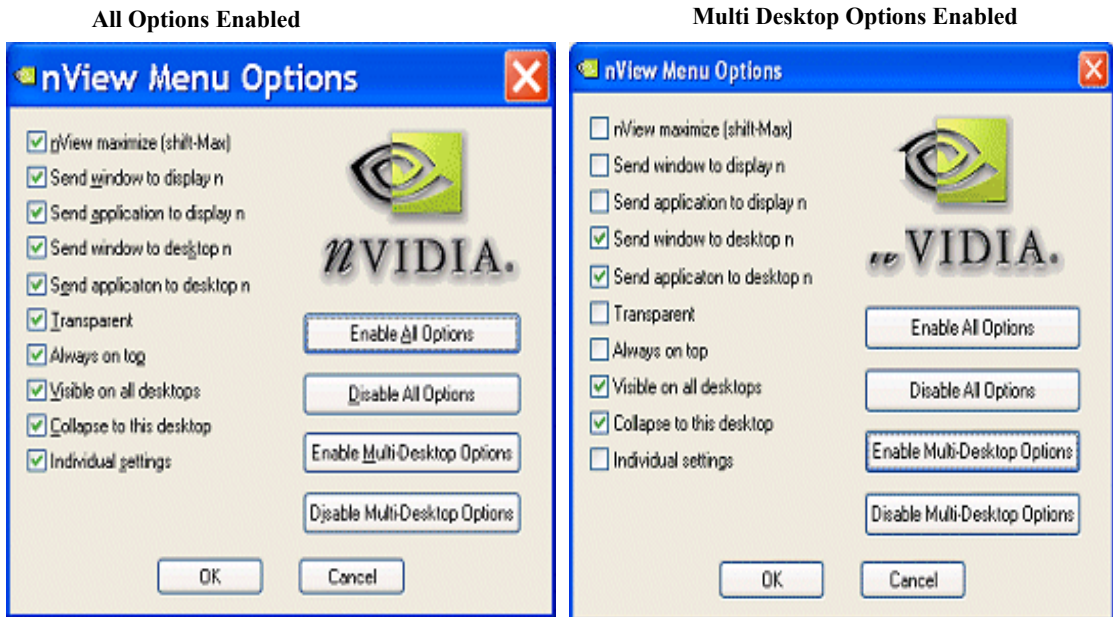
nView Desktop Manager can perform a variety of operations on windows in the system. You can access this functionality through an **nView Options** menu, as explained in the earlier sections.

Figure 9.21 shows the dialog box that appears when you click **Options**. From this dialog box, you can change the nView Desktop Manager options that you want to display in the nView options menu. In this way, you can customize your nView options menu to only show those features that you want to use.

The options that appear in this dialog box correspond to those available from the nView options menu available from your application title bars and system menus, as shown previously in [Figure 9.19](#) and [Figure 9.20](#) examples.

If you do not want to have all options available, enable/disable (check/uncheck) one or more options, as needed. Once you disable (uncheck) an option, you will no longer see the option in the nView options menu for that application.

**Figure 9.21** nView Menu Options Dialog Box



**Note:** For detailed descriptions of each of these options, see “Customizing nView Menu Options” on page 125.

- **nView maximize (Shift Max)**
- **Send windows to display *n***
- **Send application to display *n***
- **Send windows to desktop *n***
- **Send application to desktop *n***
- **Transparent**
- **Always on top**
- **Visible on all desktops.**
- **Collapse to this desktop**

- **Individual settings**
- Click **Enable All Options** if you want to enable all of the above options.
- Click **Disable All Options** if you want to disable all of the above options.
- Click **Enable Multi-Desktop Options** if you want to add only the multiple desktop-specific options.
- Click **Disable Multi-Desktop Options** if you want to remove only the multiple desktop-specific options.

## nView Menu Options: Description

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This section explains the nView options that are available from an application's nView options menu and part of the configurable nView Menu Options dialog box (Figure 9.21).

### nView Maximize

This option performs the same action as the nView max/restore title bar button, as explained in “Full-Desktop Maximize” on page 120 and “Single-Display Maximize” on page 120.

### Send window to . . .

- **Display *n***: A pop-up menu displays the number (*n*) of active display devices in your setup. Select a display device number, which will represent the display to which you want the window to move.
- **Desktop *n***: A pop-up menu displays each defined and active desktop name, represented by *n*, including selections for the default and current desktop. Select a desktop. The active window will be sent that desktop.

### Send application to . . .

- **Display *n***: A pop-up menu displays the number (*n*) of active display devices in your setup. Select a monitor number, which will represent the monitor on which you want the application to move.
- **Desktop *n***: A pop-up menu displays each defined and active desktop name, represented by *n*, including selections for the default and current desktop. Select a desktop. The application will be sent to that desktop. For an application that has more than one window (e.g., Microsoft Outlook), every owned window of the active window (or active window parent) is moved to the selected desktop or monitor.

## Transparent (alpha blended)

Click this check box to toggle transparency on/off for the window.

## Always on top

Click “**Always on top**” to toggle the option on/off for the window.

When a window is marked as being always on top, it will always be placed in front of any other window. So you can use this settings on windows that you don't want to appear behind or obscured by other windows.

If two windows have the “Always on top” enabled and they are dragged on top of one another, then the last active window is placed in the top position.

## Visible on All Desktops

Click **Visible on all desktops** to toggle the visibility (on/off) of the window on all desktops.

Enabling this option causes the window to appear on all desktops.

## Collapse to This Desktop

Enabling “**Collapse to desktop**” moves the active application window to the current desktop.

## Individual Settings

**Note:** If you are an advanced user, you can further customize applications and also configure individual settings from the **Applications** page. For further details, see “[Managing Applications: For Advanced Users](#)” on page 176.

In order to see the Individual Settings option enabled on the **nView Options** menu on an application's title bar, you need to have checked (enabled) the **Individual Settings** option in the nView Menu Options dialog box, as explained in “[Customizing nView Menu Options](#)” on page 125 and shown in [Figure 9.21](#).

- **Enable** lets you turn *on/off* the individual settings for the application without losing those settings.
- **Edit:** To edit individual settings for an application, select **Individual Settings** > **Edit** on an application's nView option menu.

The Individual Application Settings dialog box appears ([Figure 9.22](#)).

From this dialog box, you can set up both *individual* as well as *launch* settings for the application.

## Individual Applications Settings

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From this dialog box (example is shown in [Figure 9.22](#)), you can set up both *individual* window settings as well as *launch* settings for the application.

The first box icon contains a “global” marker, which means that the application uses the standard nView Desktop Manager settings for the feature. This marker can be a check mark (as shown in the example in [Figure 9.22](#)), solid colored square, or other indicator, *depending on the application*.

Each window management or dialog box management setting can have one of three states: **Global**, **Off**, or **On**. You can click to toggle among the three states.

- **Global.** In the example in [Figure 9.22](#), the first check box icon is in the Global state — the *grayed check mark* appears and is followed by the text “means use global settings.” *Global* means that the application uses the standard nView Desktop Manager settings for the feature and may be represented by a check mark (as in the example in [Figure 9.22](#)), solid colored square, or other indicator, *depending on the application*.

To apply a global setting to any other option (check box) on this Individual Application Settings dialog box, simply click the check box until the global “grayed” marker (in this [Figure 9.22](#) example, a grayed check mark) appears. Then click **Apply**.

- **Off.** After you click the global settings “checked” box, notice that the box is now completely cleared of the grayed “global” marker. Also notice that the text “means use global settings” is now replaced by “means *disable* for this application.” Clearing a check box setting means Off, indicating that the feature is always disabled for this application — as represented by an empty, unchecked square.

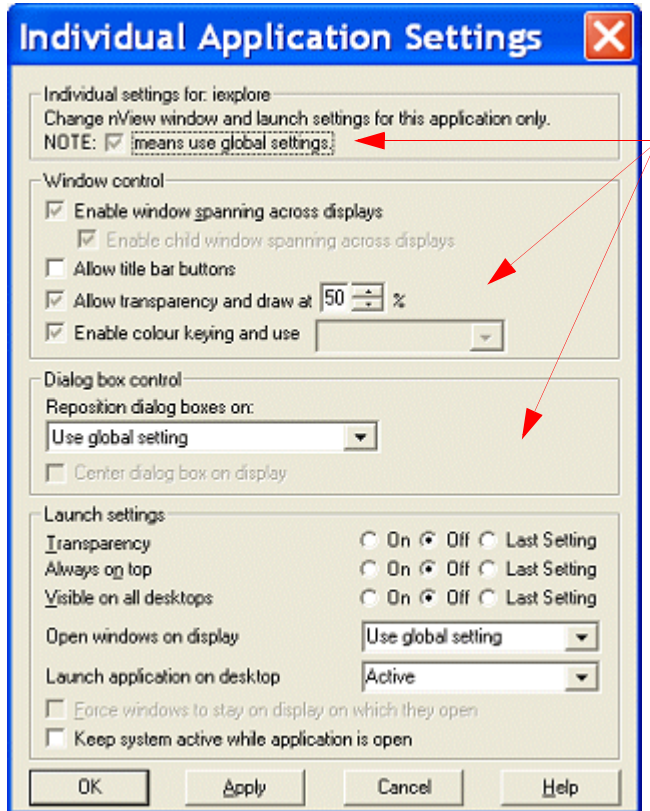
To apply this “off” setting to any other option (check box) on this Individual Application Settings dialog box, simply click the check box until it is cleared and click **Apply**.

- **On.** If you click in an empty check box for any option in the Individual Application Settings dialog box, a solid “ungrayed” marker (as explained earlier, this marker can be a check mark ([Figure 9.22](#)), solid colored square, or other indicator, *depending on the application*) appears in the check box.

This style of marker indicates On, which means that the feature is always enabled for this application. Also notice that the text “means *disable* for this application.” is now replaced by “means *enable* for this application.”

Click **Apply** to enable On.



**Figure 9.22** Individual Application Settings Dialog Box

Click any of these settings to toggle between “**global**,” “**on**,” and “**off**” states.

## Enable Window Spanning

For details on functionality, see “Enable Window Spanning Across Multiple Displays” on page 82.

## Allow Title Bar Buttons

For details on functionality, see “Enable nView Options in the Windows Desktop Menu” on page 109.

## Allow Transparency and Draw at n%

The **Allow transparency and draw at n%** option is simply an *on/off* setting that either enables or disables transparency for the application and sets an individual transparency level to be used for the application during transparent operations.



## Enable Color Keying and Use

For details on functionality, see [“Windows Color Keying” on page 137](#).

## Reposition Dialog Boxes

For details on functionality, see relevant sections in [“Managing Windows” on page 80](#).

## Launch Settings

Launch settings are applied *only* when an application is first started.

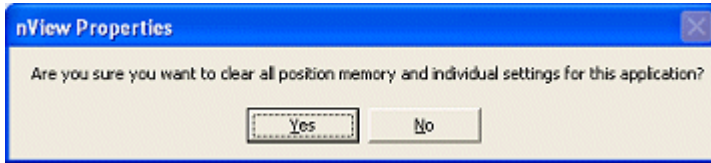
- The **Transparency**, **Always on top**, and **Visible on all desktops** can have one of three settings:
  - **On** means that the feature is always enabled when this application starts.
  - **Off** means that the feature is always disabled when this application starts and is always represented by an empty square; unchecked.
  - **Last Setting** means that when the application is closed, the current setting will be saved and then restored when the application is opened again. In other words, the setting will be remembered.
- **Open windows on display**. For details, see [“Open Windows On” on page 82](#).
- **Launch application on desktop** lets you to set up a specific desktop to launch the application on. You can select a specific desktop on which to always launch the application from the list.
  - If you select the **Active** desktop (default), the application will launch on your currently active desktop.
  - If you select the **Last** desktop, the desktop on which the application was located when it was closed will be remembered and, when the application is relaunched, it will open on that same desktop — that is, the last desktop on which it was closed.

**Note:** If an application is set to open up on a desktop different than your current desktop, when you launch that application, you will be automatically taken to the desktop on which the application launches.

- **Keep system active while application is open** — When enabled, this option prevents screen savers and stand-by or other power schemes from activating while the application is open. For example, if you are giving a presentation using Microsoft Excel and you do not want the screen saver to appear during the presentation, you can specify the use of this setting with Excel.

## Individual Settings: Clear all

**Clear all** displays the message in [Figure 9.23](#).

**Figure 9.23** Prompt for Clearing Individual Settings for an Application

- Click **Yes** only if you want to erase all individual settings that Desktop Manager may have stored for the application.
- Otherwise, click **No**.

### Individual Settings: Other Methods of Clearing

You can also use the following means to clear all **Individual Settings** for an application:

- Load a profile, which resets your application database.
- Use the **Remove** option on the nView Desktop Manager control panel Application page. (See “[Managing Applications: For Advanced Users](#)” on page 176.)

### Menu Options

When you click **Menu Options**, the nView Menu Options dialog box (Figure 9.21) opens.

See “[Customizing nView Menu Options](#)” on page 125 and “[nView Menu Options: Description](#)” on page 127 for details.

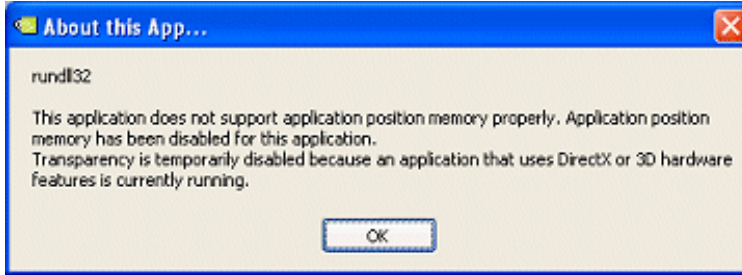
### About this Application ...

This nView menu option appear *only* if an nView Desktop Manager function is disabled for the application.

**Note:** Selecting this option will open an information box that will describe the nView Desktop Manager feature that is disabled. A sample “About this Application” is shown in [Figure 9.24](#).

### Application-Specific nView Menu Options

In addition to the standard nView menu options described above, certain applications have custom features available for them on the nView options menu. Note that when an application has special nView Desktop Manager features enabled, the “**About this application...**” option will be displayed on the nView options menu and will provide a brief description as to how to use the feature.

**Figure 9.24** Sample “About this Application” Information Box

For detailed information on how to enable “custom” nView options for Microsoft Internet Explorer and PowerPoint<sup>®</sup>, see “Application Enhancements . . .” on page 184.

# 10

## USING EFFECTS

The following major topics are discussed in this chapter:

- “About Effects” on page 134
- “Accessing the Effects Page” on page 135
- “Window Drawing Enhancements” on page 135
- “Windows Color Keying” on page 137

### About Effects

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The Desktop Manager Effects page provides 2D and 3D features for windows on the desktop. Effects features can be used in both single-display and multi-display computer setups.

Among the features you can enable from the Effects page is increasing the speed of windows opening/closing and to change Windows behavior to automatically activate windows underneath your cursor. You can also add transparency support to windows on the desktop.

Key benefits of using Effects features are that

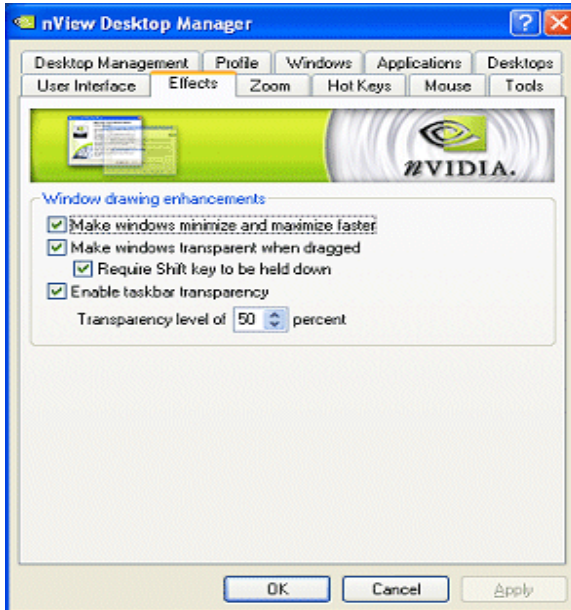
- Speed up maximizing, minimizing restoring, and opening windows.
- Making a window transparent effectively gives you more space on your desktop

## Accessing the Effects Page

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- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Effects** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager **Effects** page (Figure 10.1 and Figure 10.2).

**Figure 10.1** Effects Page for NVIDIA GeForce-based Graphics Cards



## Window Drawing Enhancements

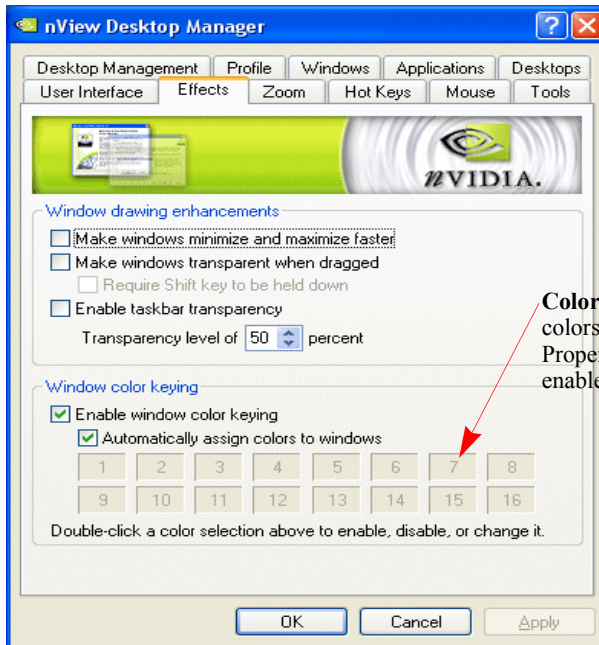
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### Make Windows Minimize and Maximize Faster

This option accelerates opening, maximizing, and restoring application windows.

### Make Windows Transparent When Dragged

This option enables window transparency when windows are dragged. Windows become transparent as you hold down the mouse option while on the window’s title bar, allowing you to quickly see what is underneath the window. When you release the mouse option, the window becomes opaque.

**Figure 10.2** Effects Page for NVIDIA Quadro-based Graphics Cards

**Color Keys:** Double-click any of the colors to display the Color Key Properties dialog box where you can enable, disable, or edit the color.

## Require Shift Key to be Held Down

If you want to perform the “**Make windows transparent when dragged**” action while holding down the **Shift** key, enable the **Require Shift key to be held down** option.

## Enable Taskbar Transparency

This option makes the desktop taskbar transparent.

## Transparency Level

This option sets the degree of transparency for the transparency features above. The higher the percentage you select, the more transparent the window appears.

**Note:** You can change the transparency level of an individual application using the **Individual Settings** feature. For details, see Chapter 14, which discusses the features of the Applications page.

**Note:** Transparency percentage values are limited to a maximum of 80%.

## Notes on Transparency Support

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- Transparency is only supported on Windows 2000/XP.
- Transparency can take a lot of processing power. If Desktop Manager detects that your system may be sluggish when dragging large transparent windows, you will be given an option to disable transparent window dragging for windows larger than a certain size.
- Transparency is disabled when a 3D or hardware overlay application is running.
- Some applications do not support transparency, in which case, an **About this application** . . . menu choice is added to the nView Extension menu for that application.

## Windows Color Keying

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**Note:** Color Keying options are available only when using NVIDIA Quadro-based GPUs.

### Enable Windows Color Keying

When you enable this option, nView Desktop Manager colors the border of application windows according to:

- **Individual Application Settings** (if you have enabled this option, *see* [“Individual Settings” on page 128](#) *and/or* [“Individual Settings” on page 183](#))  
*or*
- **Automatically assign colors**. . . option described below.

### Manipulating Color-Keyed Windows Using Hot Keys

Color-keyed windows can then be manipulated using color-keyed hot keys that you can define using options on the Hot Key page. When you press a color-keyed hot key combination, it will toggle the corresponding color-keyed window to be brought to the forefront, maximized, and visible on all desktops. In other words, it allows for a window to be immediately accessible with a single keystroke no matter where on the desktop(s) the window is located.

For details, see [“Using Hot Keys” on page 154](#).

### Automatically Assign Colors to Windows

When enabled, nView will automatically color key windows that are open on the desktop using enabled colors not used by individual application settings.



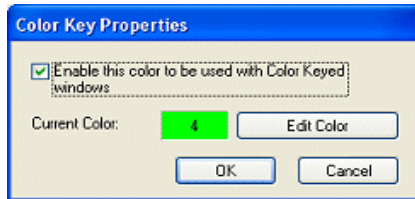
Colors will be automatically chosen out of the color pool as long as colors are available. If all colors have been used, new windows will not be colored.

### Using the Color Key table

To enable, disable, or edit any of the colors in the Color Key table (shown in Figure 10.1), follow these steps:

- 1 Double-click any of the colors to display the Color Key Properties dialog box shown in Figure 10.3.

**Figure 10.3** Color Key Properties

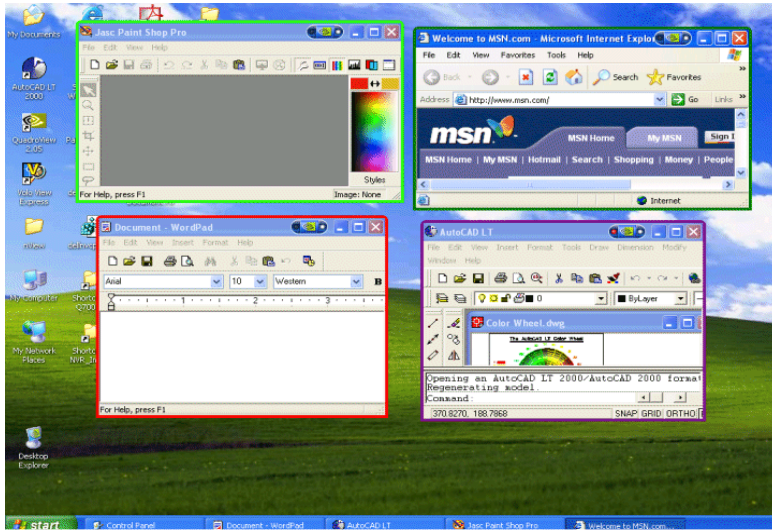


- 2 **To disable the color** to be used with the Color-Keyed windows, click the checked box to remove the check mark and click **OK**. Notice that the color for that number (in this case “4”) is removed from the Color-Keyed table in the Effects page.
- 3 **To enable a color**, follow these steps:
  - a Click a uncolored box number (“4” in this case since it was disabled in the previous example) to display the Color Key Properties dialog box again.
  - b Click the **Enable the color key . . . . .** check box to insert the check mark.
  - c Click **OK**.
- 4 **To edit the color to be used** with the Color-Keyed window, follow these steps:
  - a From the Effects page, double-click the color number you want to edit.
  - b Click the **Edit Color** options from the Color Key Properties dialog box.
  - c Choose the color you want from the Color palette dialog box and click **OK** to return to the Color Key Properties dialog box. Notice the new color is reflected in the **Current Color** field.
- 5 Click **OK**. Notice the new color for the number is reflected in the **Color Key** table on the Effects page.

## Colored Application Window Borders

Figure 10.4 shows sample applications with colored window borders.

**Figure 10.4** Sample Colored Application Window Borders



# CHAPTER 11

## USING ZOOM OPTIONS

This chapter contains the following sections:

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- “Zoom Window Styles” on page 143
- “Using the Mouse Wheel to Change Zoom Levels” on page 143
- “Showing the Cursor in a Zoom Window” on page 144
- “Automatically Moving Zoom Window to the Next Screen” on page 144
- “Enabling Bi-Directional Editing” on page 144
- “Inverting the Colors of the Zoomed Image” on page 145
- “Zooming Video Playback (disables overlay)” on page 145
- “Showing the Zoom Window” on page 145
- “Full Screen Video Zoom” on page 153

### About Zoom Options

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Zoom window shows you a user definable zoom area of your desktop

The Zoom feature of Desktop Manager provides dynamic zoom functionality on the desktop. Zoom features can be used by both single-display and multi-display users. Among the zoom features you can enable from the Zoom page is a resizable “zoom window” to zoom in on areas of the desktop for easier reading

or for fine editing. The zoom window shows you a user definable zoom area of your desktop.

Key benefits of using zoom features are the following:

- You don't have to change resolutions to view and/or edit small graphics or text – you can simply open up your “zoom” window.
- You can display a portion of your desktop on a second display without additional hardware.

## Accessing the Zoom Page

- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Zoom** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager **Zoom** page.

Figure 11.1 shows options specific to **Magnifying glass** and **Centered on cursor** zoom styles.

**Figure 11.1** Zoom Page for **Magnifying Glass** and **Center on cursor** Zoom Styles

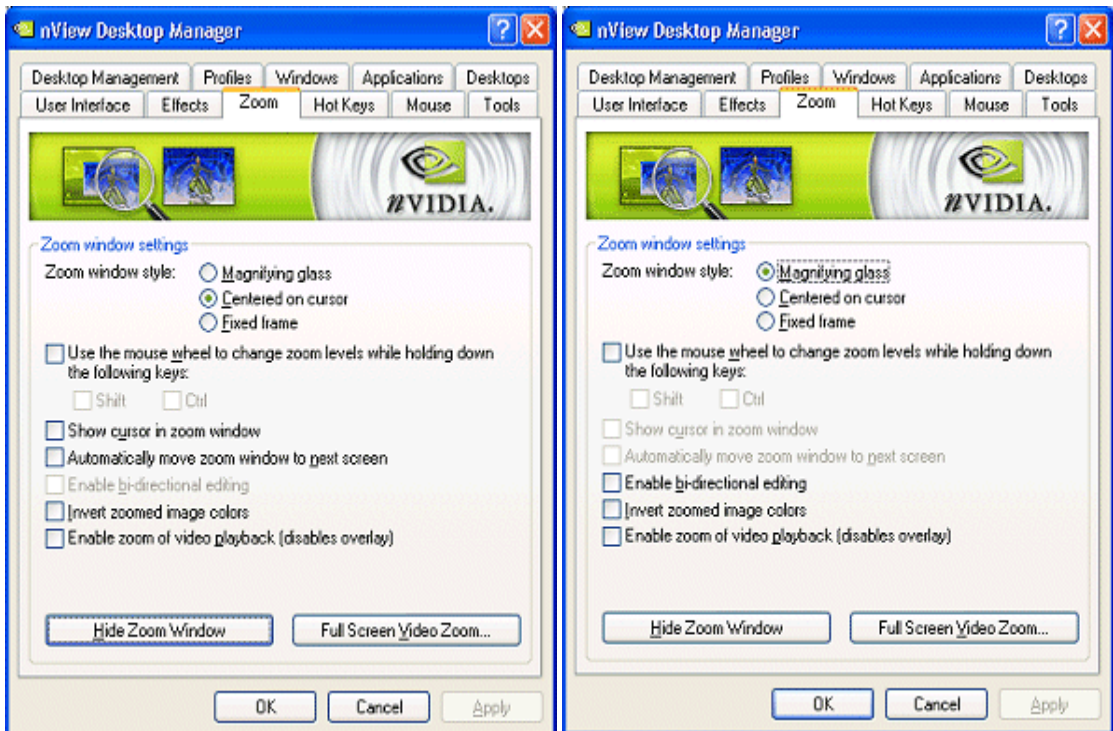


Figure 11.2 shows options specific to **Fixed Frame** zoom styles.

**Figure 11.2** Zoom Page for **Fixed Frame** Zoom Style



## Zoom Features: Display Properties vs. Desktop Manager

If you are using an NVIDIA multi-display GPU-based graphics card, you have several zoom options available.

- If you just want a Windows tool that lets you zoom certain areas of the desktop in a window, use the “Zoom Window” tool described in this section.
- If you are specifically interested in zooming video playing back on your computer from a DVD or other video source, it is recommended that you use the Overlay Video Mirroring controls described in the *NVIDIA Display Properties User's Guide*. You can set up Video Mirroring to zoom and automatically display full-screen video on your second display device.

**Note:** The nView Desktop Manager Zoom page contains the **Video Mirror Controls**. Clicking this option will give you access to the Overlay Controls page where you can set Video Mirror options.

## Zoom Window Styles

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This selection controls what type of Zoom window you want to open. nView Desktop Manager supports three types of Zoom windows:

- [Magnifying Glass](#)
- [Centered on Cursor](#)
- [Fixed Frame](#)

### Magnifying Glass

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This option creates a magnifying glass style zoom window when you launch a Zoom Window. The magnifying glass zoom window contains a white square inside the zoom window. For details on using this option, see [“Using Magnifying Glass Style Zoom”](#) on page 149.

### Centered on Cursor

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This option creates a zoom window that displays a magnification of the area around the mouse cursor when a zoom window is launched. For details on using this option, see [“Using Cursor Style Zoom”](#) on page 148

### Fixed Frame

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This option creates a zoom window that displays a magnification of a fixed area on your desktop. For details on using this option, see [“Using Fixed Frame Zoom”](#) on page 149.

## Using the Mouse Wheel to Change Zoom Levels

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- To use the mouse wheel to change zoom levels when a zoom window is active, enable the **“Use the mouse wheel to change zoom levels...”** option.

**Note:** In addition, or as an alternative, you can also use the “Zoom Level” menu from the Zoom Window to change zoom levels. See [“Zoom Window Menus”](#) on page 146.

- To use the mouse wheel to change zoom levels while holding down one of the following keys (**Shift** or **Ctrl**), follow these steps:
  - a Click the **Use the mouse wheel to change zoom levels. . . .** check box to enable the option.

- b Then click **Shift** and/or **Ctrl**.
- c Click **Apply**.

## Showing the Cursor in a Zoom Window

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**Note:** This option doesn't apply under Magnifying Glass zoom.

This option causes the mouse cursor to be shown in the zoom window when enabled (checked). This feature only applies to centered on cursor and fixed frame zoom styles. When enabled, the mouse cursor will be shown in the zoom window if the mouse cursor is in the area of the screen that is being zoomed. When disabled (unchecked), the mouse cursor will not appear in the zoom window.

## Automatically Moving Zoom Window to the Next Screen

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**Note:** The option **Automatically Moving Zoom Window to the Next Screen** *does not apply* if **Magnifying Glass** or **Fixed Frame** zoom window style is enabled.

When the option **Automatically Moving Zoom Window to the Next Screen** is enabled and the zoom window is maximized, nView Desktop Manager will automatically move the window to the next screen if your cursor moves onto the Zoom window.

## Enabling Bi-Directional Editing

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**Note:** The **Enable bi-directional editing** option applies only to the **Magnifying Glass** and **Fixed Frame** style zoom windows and cursor-related functions, but not text editing.

When you enable the **Enable bi-directional editing** option, you can use your mouse with applications under either **Magnifying Glass** or **Fixed Frame** zoom windows using the application's standard mouse-editing methods.

Using an example of the Microsoft Accessories **Paint** program, (**Start > Programs > Accessories > Paint**), follow these steps:

- 1 Open the Zoom window (see [“Showing the Zoom Window”](#) on page 145 for details) and place the **Magnifying Glass** or **Fixed Frame** zoom window over the Paint window so that the drawing buttons as well as some of the paint area is being magnified.



- 2 Press the paint buttons on the Zoom window (not the paint window) and then draw directly on the zoom window. This allows for easier editing since the area is magnified.

## Inverting the Colors of the Zoomed Image

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Enable the **Invert zoomed image** option to invert the colors of your zoomed image.

To use the option, click the option to insert a check mark in the check box and click **Apply**.

## Zooming Video Playback (disables overlay)

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**Note:** This option doesn't apply under Magnifying Glass zoom.

The Zoom Window cannot zoom video data contained in hardware overlay windows. Hardware overlay is used by default to play back video data. Thus if you open a video playback window, the Zoom window normally will not zoom the data.

This option lets you disable hardware overlay when the zoom window is open. This forces video playback not to use hardware overlay.

**Note:** This setting does not affect videos that are currently playing when the Zoom window opens but only affects video windows opened after the Zoom window. In other words, if a video is playing before you open a zoom window, the video data will not be zoomed. If a video is opened after the zoom window is open, the video data will be zoomed if this option is set.

## Showing the Zoom Window

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This option, when checked, opens a "Zoom Window" that can display a magnification of a selected area of your screen using the zoom style you have selected (i.e., "Magnifying Glass", "Centered on Cursor", or "Fixed Frame" style zooming).

- When a Zoom window is open, this button changes to **Hide Zoom Window**. Pressing the button when it is labeled "Hide Zoom Window" will close the open Zoom window.
- Using the Zoom Window, you can change zoom levels, the update rate of the zoomed data, and even toggle the window on or off with a hot key.

## Zoom Window Menus

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The following topics are discussed in this section:

- “Zoom Level” on page 146
- “Zoom Refresh” on page 146
- “Zoom Style” on page 147
- “Using Cursor Style Zoom” on page 148
- “Using Magnifying Glass Style Zoom” on page 149
- “Using Fixed Frame Zoom” on page 149

### Zoom Level

Zoom Level can be set from 1x to 10x (Figure 11.3).

**Note:** You can also change zoom levels with the mouse wheel by itself or in combination with the **Ctrl** and/or **Shift** keys if you selected this option in the Zoom page.

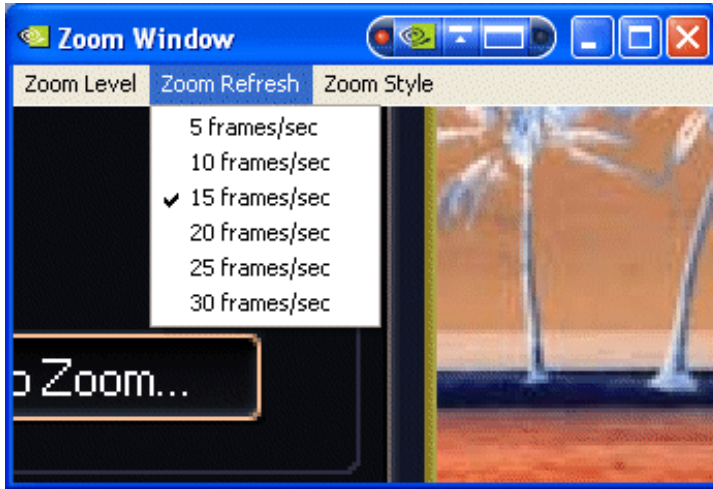
**Figure 11.3** Zoom Level Menu



### Zoom Refresh

Zoom Refresh can be set from 5 frames/second to 30 frames/seconds, in increments of 5 (Figure 11.4).

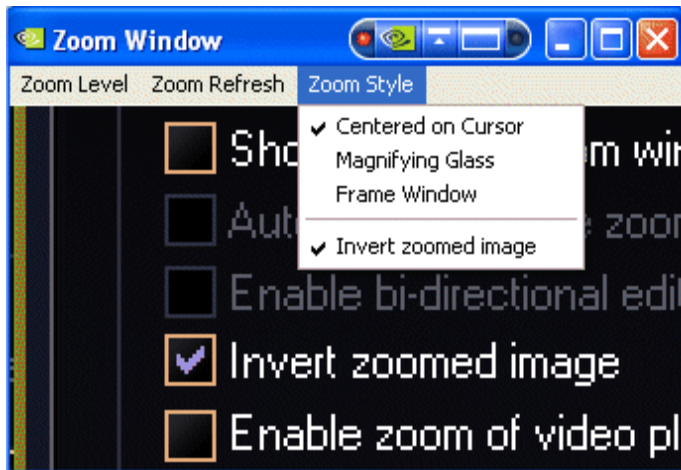
**Note:** Higher refresh rates require more processing power.

**Figure 11.4** Zoom Refresh Menu

## Zoom Style

Zoom Style can be set to any one of the following settings as shown in [Figure 11.1](#) and [Figure 11.5](#).

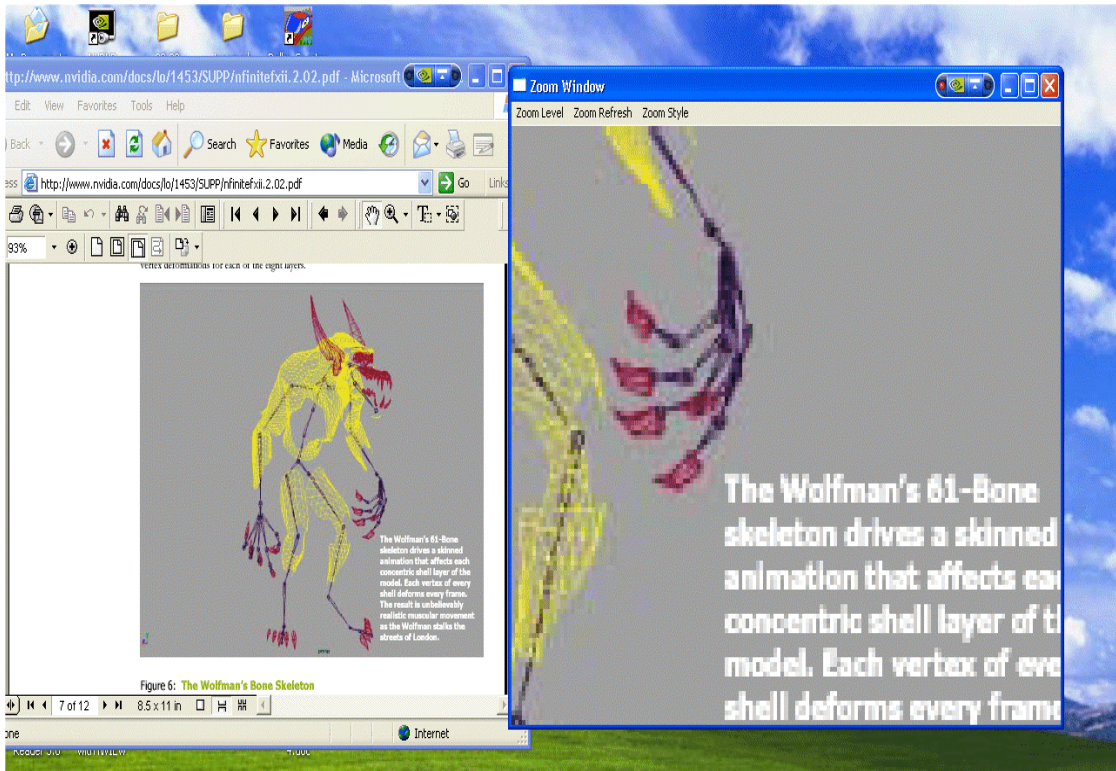
- **Centered on cursor**
- **Magnifying glass**
- **Frame Window**

**Figure 11.5** Zoom Style Menu

## Using Cursor Style Zoom

- 1 To use the Cursor style zoom, move your mouse cursor to the area of your screen (or open application) that you want to zoom.
- 2 You will see the area magnified in the zoom window, as shown in Figure 11.6.

**Figure 11.6** Cursor Style Zoomed Area in Zoom Window (1)



Another cursor style zoom window is shown in Figure 11.7 below.

**Figure 11.7** Cursor Style Zoomed Area in Zoom Window (2)



## Using Magnifying Glass Style Zoom

- 1 Enable **Magnifying glass** zoom style either from the Zoom page (shown in Figure 11.1) or (if you already have the zoom window open) from the Zoom menu (Figure 11.5).
- 2 If you enabled the option from the Zoom page, when you click the **Show Zoom Window** option from the Zoom page with the **Magnifying glass** option enabled (checked), the magnifying glass style zoom window appears with a white square inside the window (Figure 11.8).

**Figure 11.8** Magnifying Glass Style Zoom Window



To use the Magnifying Glass style zoom, follow these steps:

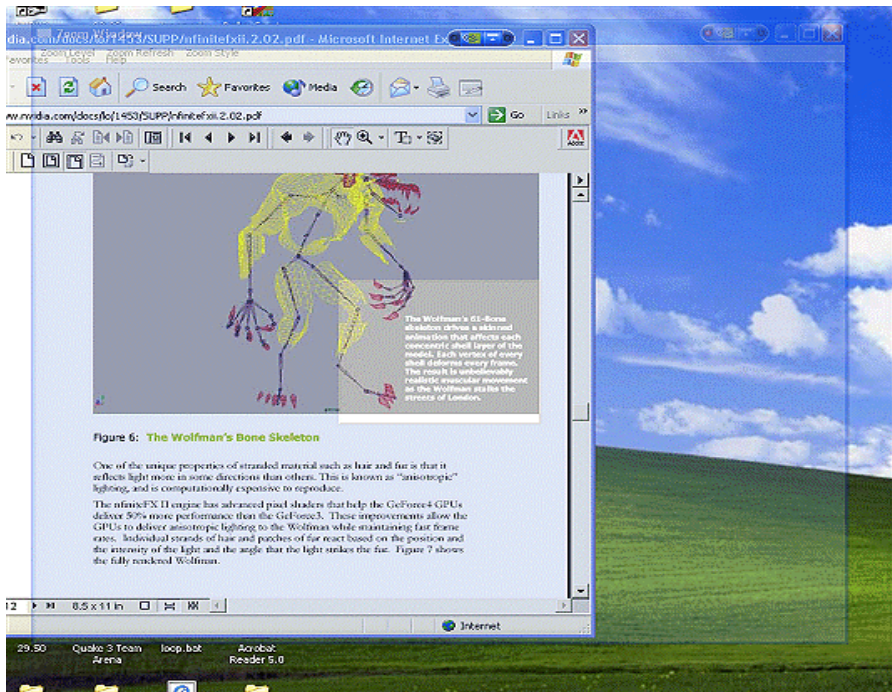
- 1 Adjust the zoom level to increase or decrease the size of the white square. To adjust the zoom level you can either use the mouse wheel (or the mouse wheel and the **Ctrl/Shift** key options) or the Zoom Level menu options on the Zoom Window.
- 2 Click on the title bar of the Zoom window and drag the zoom window over the area on the screen that you want to magnify so that the transparent white square encompasses the area to magnify. Figure 11.9 shows an example of the magnifying glass style zoom window covering an area of an open window. Note the white box surrounding the display area.
- 3 Release the mouse option. The section of the screen inside the transparent white square now becomes magnified to fill the entire zoom window. Figure 11.10 shows the result of a magnifying glass zoom.

## Using Fixed Frame Zoom

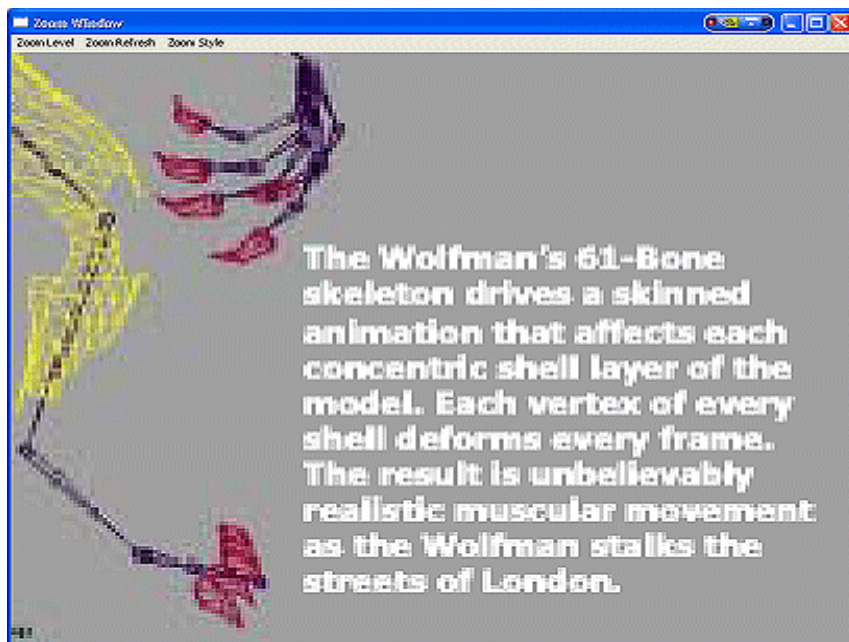
When you click **Show Zoom Window** from the Zoom page with the **Fixed Frame** option enabled (checked), the Zoom Window opens along with a second, smaller “zoom source” window labeled “**Zoom Window - Fixed Frame**”, as shown in Figure 11.12.



**Figure 11.9** Magnifying Glass Style Zoom Window Over Zoom Area



**Figure 11.10** Magnifying Glass Style Zoomed Area in Zoom Window (1)



**Figure 11.11** Magnifying Glass Style Zoomed Area in Zoom Window (2)

To use the Fixed Frame style zoom, follow these steps:

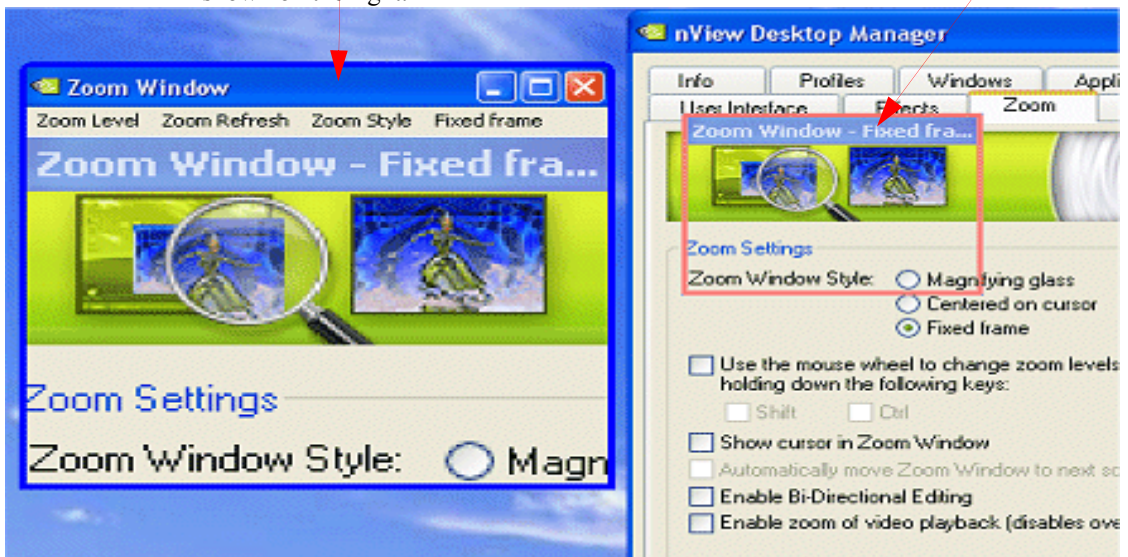
- 1 Confirm that the Zoom Style is set to **Fixed Frame**.
- 2 Click **Show Zoom Window**.

In the **Figure 11.12** example, the small **Zoom Window-Fixed Frame** “zoom source” window appears on the right and the resulting magnified area is shown in the larger **Zoom Window**.

**Figure 11.12** Zoom Window-Fixed Frame Window

Large **Zoom Window** showing magnification of the image in the “**Zoom Window - Fixed Frame**” “zoom source” window shown on the right.

“Zoom source” **Zoom Window - Fixed Frame** window can be moved to different areas on your desktop.





- 3 Move the small “**Zoom Window – Fixed Frame**” window (labeled in [Figure 11.12](#)) to another area of the desktop that you want to zoom.

**Note:** Now that you have adjusted the position of the **Zoom Window - Fixed Frame** “zoom source” window, it is automatically hidden while the magnified contents are displayed in the large **Zoom Windows**, as shown in [Figure 11.13](#).

**Figure 11.13** Magnified Area in Zoom Window: Zoom Window

Click the **Fixed Frame** menu to re-display (unhide) the “zoom source” **Zoom Window-Fixed Frame** window.



- 4 To toggle the **Zoom Window - Fixed Frame** “zoom source” window on and off (display or hide), click the **Fixed Frame** menu option on the main Zoom Window, as shown in [Figure 11.13](#).

When the Zoom Window is not active, the “zoom source” window will be hidden but the area where it was last dropped will continue to be zoomed and shown in the Zoom Window.

- a To re-display the **Zoom Window - Fixed Frame** window, click the **Fixed Frame** menu option in the main **Zoom Window**.
  - b Then move the now visible **Zoom Window - Fixed Frame** window to the new area of the desktop you want to zoom.”
- 5 To adjust the zoom level, use either the mouse wheel or the mouse wheel and the **Ctrl/Shift** key options or the **Zoom Level** menu options on the main Zoom Window.

**Note:** You can adjust the zoom level to increase or decrease the size of the **Zoom Window – Fixed Frame**. In other words, the higher the Zoom Level you set, the smaller the size of the **Zoom Window – Fixed Frame** becomes.

**Note:** You can also adjust the zoomed area by resizing the main Zoom Window.

## Full Screen Video Zoom

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**Note:** You *cannot use* Full Screen Video Zoom if you have only one display device connected, i.e., you are in nView “single-display” mode.

To display full-screen video on one of your display devices,

- 1 Click the **Full Screen Video Zoom** option to open the NVIDIA display properties Full Screen Video page.
- 2 Click the **Full scree device** list.
- 3 Select **Auto-select** if the nView Modes list on the nView Display Modes page is set to nView Dualview or one of the Span modes.
- 4 Select **Primary display** or **Secondary display** if the nView Mode list on the nView Display Modes page set to nView Clone mode.

For further details on using the Full Screen Video options, refer to the *NVIDIA Display Properties Desktop User’s Guide: Driver Release 50*.

# CHAPTER 12

## USING HOT KEYS

The following topics are discussed in this chapter:

- “About Hot Key Options” on page 154
- “Accessing the Hot Keys Page” on page 155
- “Selecting an Action” on page 156
- “Adding a Hot Key” on page 161
- “Removing a Hot Key” on page 164
- “Removing All Hot Keys” on page 164
- “Active Hot Keys List” on page 164

### About Hot Key Options

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The Hot Key features can be used by both single-display and multi-display users.

nView Desktop Manager lets you set up hot keys (shortcut keys or key combinations.) to access and perform virtually every action of the Desktop Manager. The key benefits of using hot keys is quick access to common functions with a single keystroke.

Using the Hot Keys features (Figure 12.1), you can

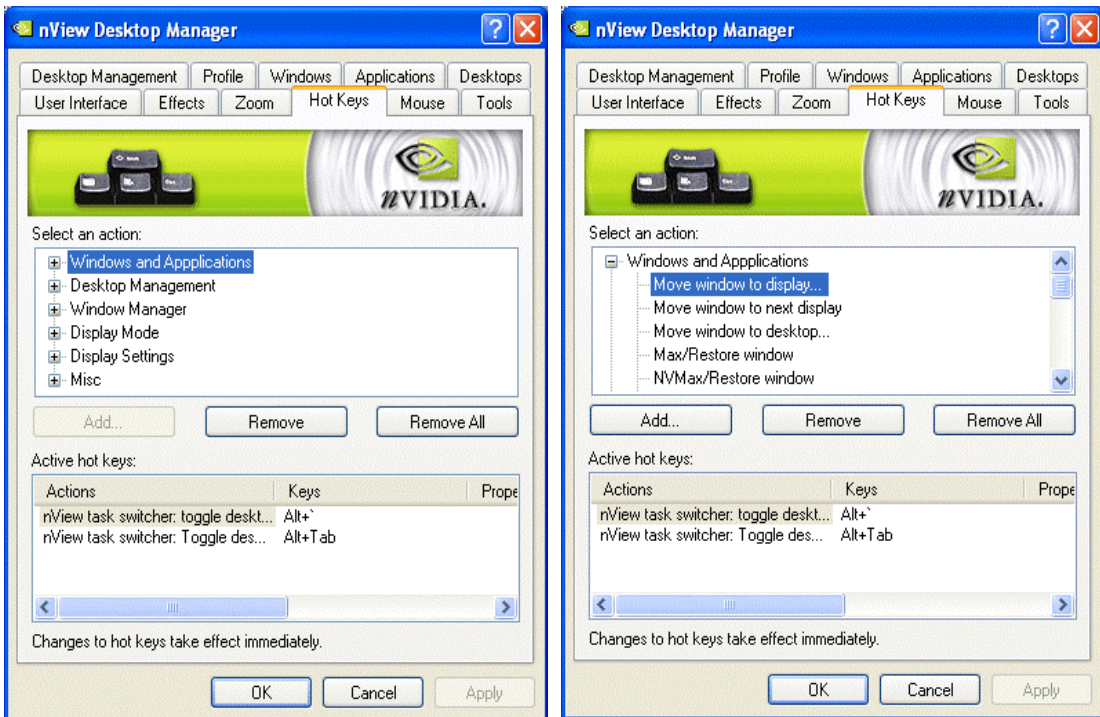
- View a list of hot keys that you have defined for your system.
- Arranged hot keys in a tree view
- Quickly add, remove, or edit defined hot keys

- Assign multiple hot keys to one action but cannot assign multiple actions to one hot key
- Copy assigned hot keys to the clipboard —
- Change the functionality of a hot key from operating on the active window to operating on the window under the cursor

## Accessing the Hot Keys Page

- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Hot Keys** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager **Hot Keys** page (Figure 12.1).

**Figure 12.1** Hot Keys Page



## Selecting an Action

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The **Select an Action** list box (Figure 12.1) displays a list of actions that can be performed when you press a key or combination of keys, i.e., assigned hot keys for the actions.

- 1 Select an action by clicking it.
- 2 Use the scroll bar to access the complete list of actions.

The actions and their descriptions are listed below.

- 3 Go to the section “[Adding a Hot Key](#)” on page 161 to assign the hot key to the selected action.

## Windows and Applications Actions

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- **Move window to display** — moves the active window to a user-specified display.
- **Move window to next display** — moves the window to the next monitor on your system.
- **Move window to desktop** — moves the active window to a user-specified desktop.
- **Max/Restore window** — toggles a Windows maximize/restore function for the current window.
- **NVMax/Restore window** — toggles an nView maximize/restore function maximize/restore function for the current window. This functionality is explained in
- **Minimize/Restore window** — minimizes a window to the taskbar and restore if the window still selected.
- **Collapse/Restore window** — toggles between collapsing the application window to its title bar and restoring the window to its former size.
- **Toggle window Z-order** — moves the window to the top if it is not at the top. Moves window all the way to back if it is on top, but it does *not* change activation state of window.
- **Toggle transparency** — toggles the active window between being transparent and opaque.
- **Toggle always on top** — toggles the active window between being always on top or not being on top.
- **Toggle show all desktops** — forces the window to appear on all desktops.

- **Toggle show on all desktops** toggles the active window between showing on all desktops or on a single desktop.
- **Collapse to desktop** — causes the active window to appear on *only* the current desktop and turns *off* the “Show on all desktops” functionality.
- **Show nView options menu** — displays the nView options menu for the currently active window.

## Desktop Management Actions

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- **Show desktop name** — brings up the desktop name of the current desktop.
- **Activate desktop...** — switches the display to a user-specified desktop.  
After you enter the keystroke in the text box and click **Add**, a list box appears with all possible desktop targets. Choose a desktop that you will activate or “switch to” with the hot key you assigned.
- **Next desktop** — switches the display to the next desktop.
- **Previous desktop** — switches the display to the previous desktop.

## Window Management Actions

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- **Send all windows to display** — Gathers all windows on the desktop and cascades them on the selected display device.
- **Toggle color-keyed windows** — lets you easily control color-keyed windows so that a window can be immediately accessible with a single keystroke no matter where on the desktop(s) the window is located.

**Note:** This option is available *only* when using a graphics card based on one of the NVIDIA Quadro-based GPUs.

After you define a hot key corresponding to a color (for details, see [“Examples of Actions Requiring Additional Information” on page 162](#)), then when you press this hot key, it will toggle the corresponding color-keyed window to be brought to the forefront, maximized, and visible on all desktops.

Press the hot key again and the window will be sent back to its original position.

- **Collapse all windows** — collapses all windows on the desktop to their title bars. If all windows are already collapsed, this action restores all windows to original size.

## Display Mode Actions

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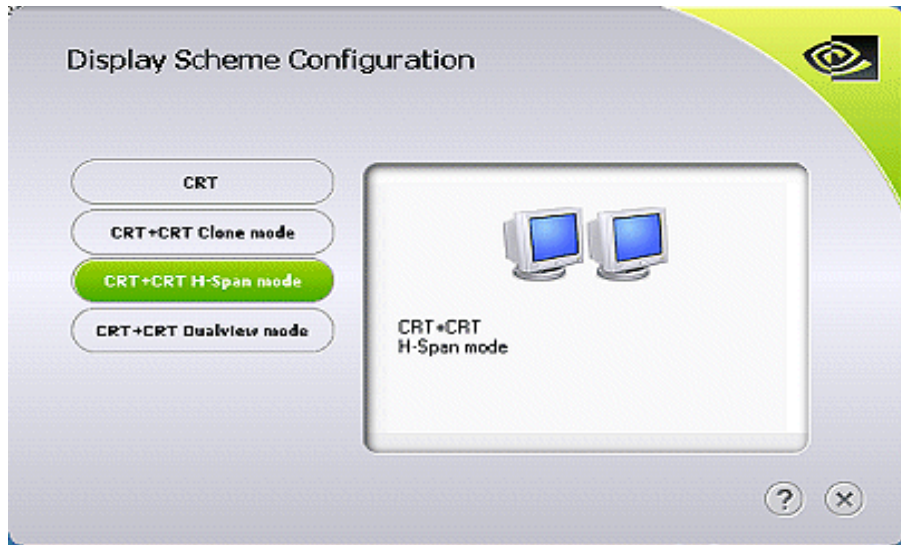
- **Switch to next display device** — is functional only in single-display mode when more than one display device is connected. In this case, your video display will switch to the next device.  
**Note:** Note that this hot key only works when your display card is running in single-display mode.
- **Toggle TV output** — toggles TV output on if TV is connected and you are running in nView single-display mode.
- **Toggle LCD scaling** — turns LCD scaling on/off if you are using a flat panel display.
- **Toggle Clone mode** — When running in nView single-display mode, this action will toggle Clone mode on and off and will cycle through display devices.  
**Note:** This hot key is only available with Windows XP and only works when you are in single-display or nView Clone mode.
- **Rotate display** — allows you to rotate display devices or desktops with a hot key to the same modes available on the NVIDIA display properties NVRotate page:
  - **Landscape**
  - **Portrait**
  - **Inverted Landscape**
  - **Inverted Portrait**

## Display Settings Actions

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- **Show display scheme menu** — shows the Display Scheme Configuration menu (Figure 12.2) that you can use to add, delete, and configure schemes.
  - To add a display scheme to the menu on the left, press the **Ins (Insert)** key.
  - To delete a display scheme from the menu on the left, press the **Del (Delete)** key and select an item from the list on right side of the **Display Scheme Configuration** dialog box.
  - You can also rearrange the order of the menu by dragging and dropping menu items.
  - The order of display schemes on the menu list also depends on the frequency with which the display schemes are applied.



**Figure 12.2** Display Schemes Configuration

- This frequency has higher priority than the order in which you may have configured through drag and drop.

For example, let's say that you have created display scheme 1 (DS1) through display scheme 5 (DS5) on the menu list in the order of 1 through 5, initially. Then display scheme 2 (DS2) was applied twice, display scheme 1 (DS1) was only applied once, and the remaining display schemes were not applied at all. In this case, when the menu is next opened, DS2 will be the first item on the list and DS1 will be the second on the list. So, for example, if you now drag and drop the items to the following order: DS2, DS3, DS1, DS5, DS4, the menu list will appear as DS2, DS1, DS3, DS5, DS4 — reverting to the frequency with which the display schemes have been applied instead of the user configured order.

- When the list has more than six items, scroll button(s) are available. The list scrolls when the mouse is over the scroll button.
- When you cursor over the menu items on the left, the description of the display schemes appear on right side of the menu within the white background.
- The “close window” option is designated by the **X** icon in the bottom right corner of the **Display Scheme Configuration** dialog box. You can also exit the menu by pressing the **Escape** key or by clicking anywhere on the screen

- The Help option is designated by the ? icon in the bottom right corner of the **Display Scheme Configuration** dialog box. Click ? to display Help text.
- **Toggle NVKeystone mode** — toggles the NVKeystone mode between *off*, *on*, and *adjust*.  
**Note:** NVKeystone must be enabled (checked) on the **Tools** page for this hot key to have any effect.
- **Show display grid** — shows the display grid for the monitor where the cursor is located.
- **Edit display grid** — lets you edit the monitor grid which the cursor is on.
- **Adjust display brightness** — lets you adjust the display brightness of the monitor where your cursor appears.
- **Adjust display contrast** — lets you adjust the display contrast of the monitor where your cursor appears.
- **Adjust display gamma** — lets you adjust the display gamma of the monitor where your cursor appears.
- **Reset gamma, brightness, contrast to default** — resets gamma, brightness, and contrast values to their default.

## Miscellaneous Actions

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- **Open nView Desktop Manager control panel** — opens the nView Desktop Manager control panel
- **Run application...** — runs a user-specified application. Note that after selection, a browse file dialog appears where you can select the program file you want to run.
- **Locate cursor** — highlights the area around the cursor allowing it to be located on the desktop.
- **Toggle zoom window** — shows and hides the zoom window.
- **Toggle zoom type** — toggles the zoom window between different types
- **Load profile** — loads a saved profile.
- **Save profile** — saves the current or newly created profile.
- **nView task switcher: Toggle desktop applications** — lets you switch between applications on the currently selected desktop. (The default hot key is **Alt-Tab**.)
- **nView task switcher: Toggle all applications** — lets you switch between applications on all of your desktops.

- **nView task switcher: Toggle desktops** — lets you switch between desktops.
- **Save workspace state** — lets you save the current display, desktop management, and open application states.
- **Restore workspace state** — lets you restore a saved workspace state, including the display, desktop management, and open application states.
- **Toggle nView toolbar** — lets you toggle the nView toolbar *on* and *off*.

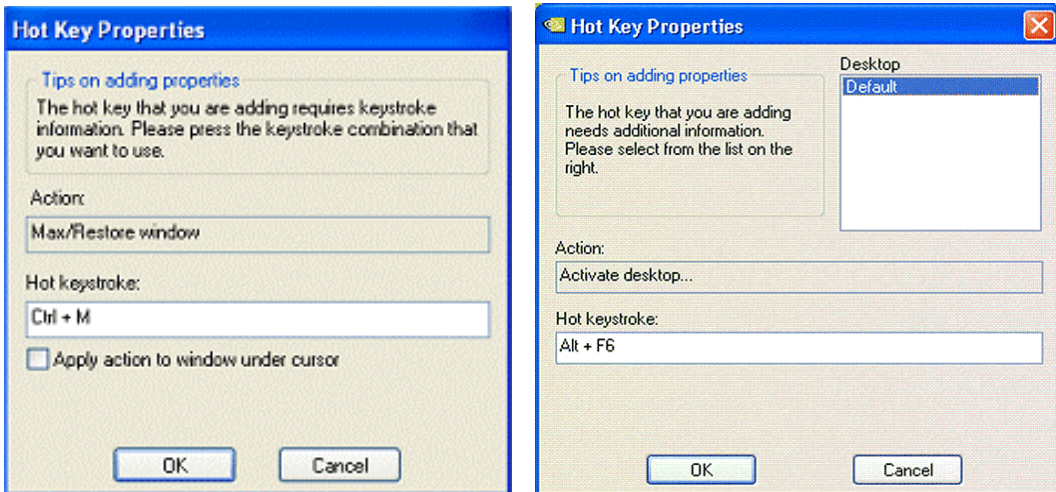
## Adding a Hot Key

**Note:** Only one action can be linked to a hot key. (If you attempt to add an action to a hot key that is already defined, an error message appears.) However, more than one Hot Key can be assigned to the same action.

To add a hot key, follow these steps:

- 1 From the Hot Keys page, click **Add**. A Hot Keys Add properties dialog box appears (Figure 12.3 shows two examples) that lets you set the “hot key” keystroke and set any additional information the hot key needs to operate.

**Figure 12.3** Hot Keys Properties Dialog Box Examples



**Hot key stroke:** This text box lets you select the key or combination of keys you want to use to perform the selected action.

To use the text box, follow these steps:

- a Click in the **Hot Key stroke** text box to display your cursor.

- b Press the key or keys you want to use for the selection action. For example, if you press the **Ctrl** key followed by the **G** key, **Ctrl + G** appears in the text box.

**Properties:** Hot keys for certain actions require *additional information* to be entered in order to operate.

When these types of hot keys require additional information, the information is requested in this “Properties” dialog box. The information requested can be a display, desktop, profile, or an application designation. In the first three cases, a list of numbered display devices, named desktops, or named profiles appear from which you can select your choice.

If Desktop Manager requires an application input (e.g., for the “Run application” hot key action listed in “[Selecting an Action](#)” on page 156), a **Browse** button appears allowing you to browse for the application.

Also see “[Examples of Actions Requiring Additional Information](#)” on page 162.

- 2 Click **OK** when you’ve entered the key strokes., the selected hot key action and keystroke combination are added to the Active Hot Keys list. Once a hot key is added, it is active and available for use.

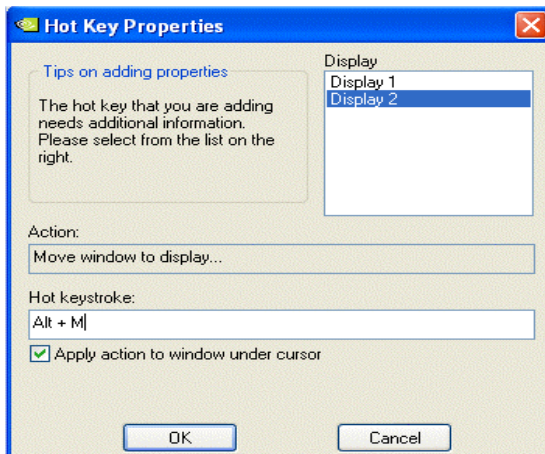
## Examples of Actions Requiring Additional Information

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### Move window to display...

An example of an action requiring addition information is the “**Move window to display...**” action. Before a hot key can be added for this action, you must use the Hot Keys Properties dialog box ([Figure 12.5](#)) to enter the monitor (display device) on which you want the hot key to move windows

**Figure 12.4** Hot Keys Properties for “Move window to display. .” Action



## Toggle Color-Keyed Window

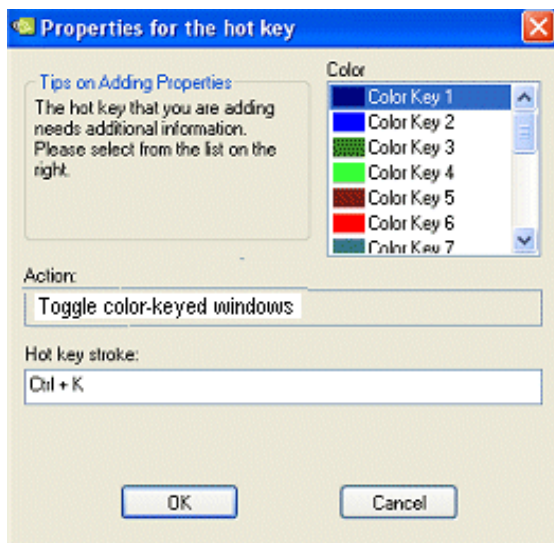
Another example of an action requiring additional information is “**Show color-keyed window**” available in the Display Settings category of actions. Before you can add a hot key for this action, you must use the Hot Keys Properties dialog box to enter additional information.

To assign this action to a hot key, follow these steps:

- 1 Confirm that the “**Enable window color keying**” option is enabled on the Effects page but the “**Automatically assign colors to windows**” option is disabled (unchecked). For details, see “[Enable Windows Color Keying](#)” on page 137.
- 2 Set up a color for a particular application in the Individual Application Settings dialog box
- 3 Then, set up the “Show Color-Keyed window” hot key for the corresponding color by following these steps:
  - a Double-click the Color Key number shown in the Properties dialog box for the hot key (Figure 12.5).
  - b Edit the color as explained in “[Using the Color Key table](#)” on page 138 in Chapter 8.
  - c Click **Apply** to add the hot key for this action.

When the application is open and you press the assigned hot key, the application becomes “Visible on all desktops” so that you can see it on the active desktop (even if it is not on the active desktop) and is maximized.

**Figure 12.5** Hot Key Properties — “Toggle Color-Keyed Window” Action



## Removing a Hot Key

The **Remove** option removes the selected hot key from the Active Hot Keys list. Once a hot key is removed, it is no longer active or available for use.

## Removing All Hot Keys

The **Remove All** option removes all hot keys from the Active Hot Keys list. Once the hot keys are removed, they are no longer active or available for use.

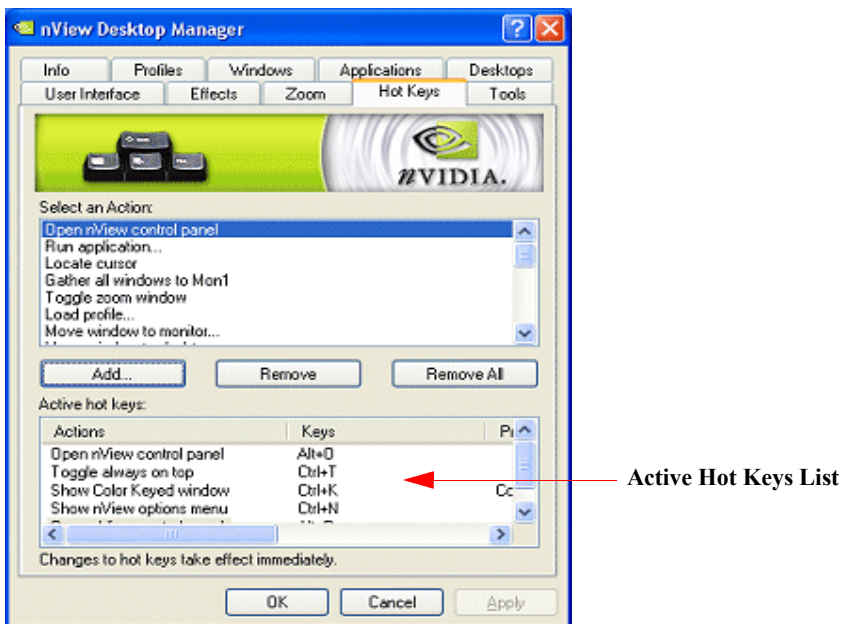
## Active Hot Keys List

The Active Hot Keys list box displays a list of hot keys that have been assigned and are currently active. Figure 12.6 shows parts of an Active Hot Keys list.

The Active Hot Keys list box displays the hot key itself (for example., **Ctrl + G**), the hot key action (for example, “Gather all windows to Mon1”), and then any further information for that hot key, such as Properties and Application Name information, if applicable.

**Note:** Use the scroll bar at the bottom of this list box to scroll to the right to see all the information columns for a hot key.

**Figure 12.6** Active Hot Keys List





# CHAPTER 13

## CONFIGURING MOUSE EFFECTS

This chapter discusses the following major topics:

- “About Mouse Effects” on page 165
- “Accessing the Mouse Page” on page 166
- “General Settings” on page 166
- “Kinematics” on page 167

### About Mouse Effects

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Mouse features include the following:

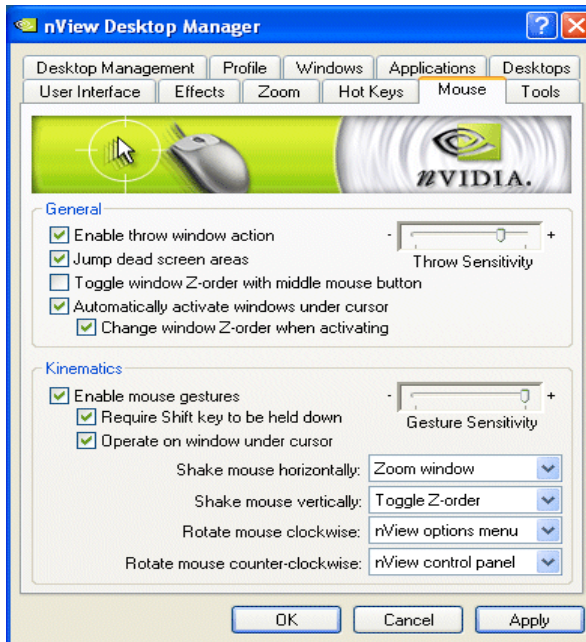
- **Throw window** – allows you to use your mouse to “throw” a window to a screen edge. Sensitivity can be adjusted by the slider
- **Jump dead screen areas** allows you to use your mouse to jump dead areas in non-rectangular multi-display environments (mouse has to be moving at a reasonable velocity)
- **Toggle window z-order with middle mouse button** performs the same function as the hot key, but with the mouse and to the window that is under your mouse pointer.
- **Auto-activate windows under the cursor** allows any window on which your cursor appears to become active and move to the front of the window order.
- **Assign mouse movements** to trigger different actions.



## Accessing the Mouse Page

- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Mouse** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager **Mouse** page (Figure 13.1).

**Figure 13.1** Mouse Page Options



## General Settings

**Note:** Be sure to click apply after enabling any of the below settings.

### Enable Throw Window Actions

When enabled, this option lets you to throw windows (i.e., while dragging a window, release the mouse) to screen edges.

### Jump Dead Screen Areas

Enabling the **Jump dead screen areas** option causes the mouse to jump dead areas in non-rectangular multi-display environments as long as your mouse is moving at a reasonable speed.

## Toggle Window Z-Order with Middle Mouse Button

**Z-order** refers to the visual layering of controls on a form along the form's z-axis (depth). The Z-order determines which controls are in front of other controls.

Enable the **Toggle window Z-order with middle mouse button** option lets you use your middle mouse button (if applicable) to toggle the Z-order of the window on which your cursor rests.

## Automatically Activate Windows Under Cursor

Enable the option **Automatically activate windows under cursor** to make any window on which your cursor appears to become active and move to the front of the window order.

## Change Window Z-order When Activating

When the option **Automatically activate windows under cursor** is enabled, this option (**Change window z-order when activating**) controls whether or not the window that is auto-activated is brought to the front of the z-order.

Enable the **Change window z-order when activating** option to bring the auto-activated window to the front of the z-order.

# Kinematics

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## Enable Mouse Gestures

In order to use any of the Kinematic options on this Mouse page, you must first enable the **Enable mouse gestures** option. Click the check box and click **Apply**.

## Gesture Sensitivity

Use the Gesture Sensitivity slider to adjust the sensitivity of the mouse gestures listed on this page to which you may have assigned actions.

## Require Shift Key to be Held Down

If you want to hold down the **Shift** key while performing any of the mouse gestures listed on this page, enable the **Require Shift key to be held down** option

## Operate on Window Under Cursor

Enable the **Operate on window under cursor** option if you want to perform any of the mouse gestures on the window that appears under you cursor instead of the active window.

## Shake Mouse Horizontally

- 1 To assign an action to the **Shake mouse horizontally** option, click the list and select the action you want to assign.
- 2 Click **Apply**.
- 3 When you shake the mouse horizontally, the action you just assigned is automatically performed.

## Shake Mouse Vertically

- 1 To assign an action to the **Shake mouse vertically** option, click the list and select the action you want to assign.
- 2 Click **Apply**.
- 3 When you shake the mouse vertically, the action you just assigned is automatically performed.

## Rotate Mouse Clockwise

- 1 To assign an action to the **Rotate mouse clockwise** option, click the list and select the action you want to assign.
- 2 Click **Apply**.
- 3 When you rotate the mouse clockwise, the action you just assigned is automatically performed.

# CHAPTER 14

## USING TOOLS OPTIONS

This chapter contains the following major sections:

- “About Tools Options” on page 169
- “Accessing the Tools Page” on page 169
- “Display Calibration” on page 175

### About Tools Options

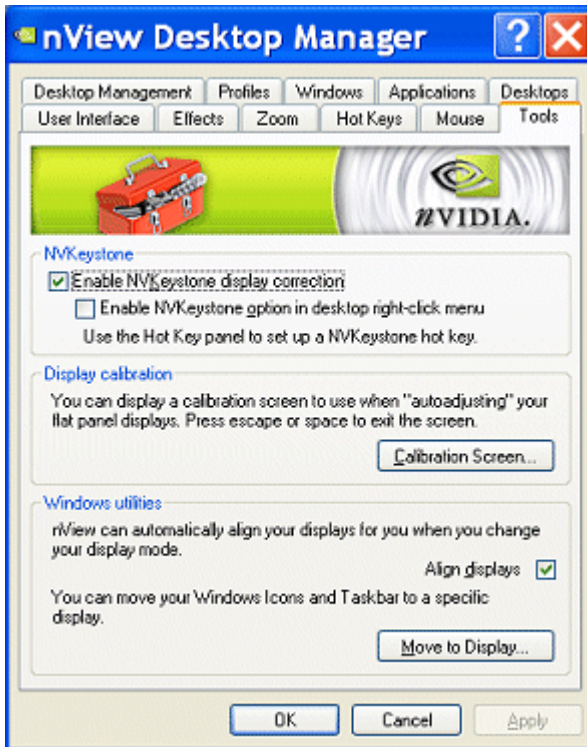
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The nView Desktop Manager Tools page offers several miscellaneous tools that can help you be more productive. Included features are NVKeystone to correct for display keystone, a flat panel calibration screen used to optimize the calibration of your analog flat panels, and several windows utilities that can automatically correct for improper display settings when they occur.

### Accessing the Tools Page

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- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Tools** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager Tools page (Figure 14.1).

**Figure 14.1** Tools Page Options

## About NVKeystone

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The NVKeystone options (Figure 14.1) allow you to place your 2D windows desktop onto a 3D surface, which you can then manipulate to compensate for image distortion caused by poor alignment of projection screens.

NVKeystone is an anti-keystoning tool that allows you to map your entire windows desktop onto a 3D surface and then manipulate and “warp” the surface to compensate for distortion effects of any surface on which you are displaying.

Because NVKeystone is a 3D application that operates on the entire desktop, it takes a great amount of bandwidth to operate. You may notice that your display is sluggish or that 3D games run very slowly when NVKeystone is active.

It is recommended that you disable NVKeystone when you are playing games or using a 3D program.

## Enable NVKeystone Display Correction

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Click this check box to toggle enabling/disabling the anti-keystone feature.

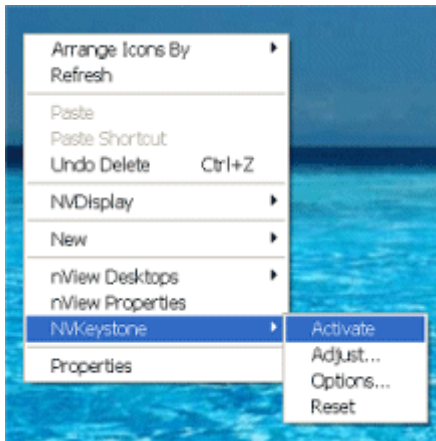
**Note:** If this option is disabled, NVKeystone menus and hot keys will not work.

## Enable NVKeystone Option in Desktop Menu

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Enable this check box to add an **NVKeystone** menu option in your desktop right-click menu (Figure 14.2) for easy access to NVKeystone.

**Figure 14.2** NVKeystone Option in Windows Desktop Menu



**Note:** If you do not enable this option, the NVKeystone option will not be placed in the desktop right-click menu. In this case, the only way to turn NVKeystone on/off is by using a “hot key” assignment.

## Accessing NVKeystone

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You can access NVKeystone using one of two methods:

- If you have enabled the option as explained in [Enable NVKeystone Option in Desktop Menu](#) in the previous section, then right-click on your desktop to open your Windows desktop menu and click **NVKeystone** (Figure 14.2).

This section will focus on accessing NVKeystone from this Windows desktop menu.

- Use a hot key assignment. See “Display Settings Actions” on page 158.

**Note:** Using the “hot key” method is similar to the desktop menu method but only the hot key method can rotate between three different modes – **Off**, **On**, and **Adjust**.

## NVKeystone Menu

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The NVKeystone menu (Figure 14.2) contains four options – Activate, Adjust, Options, and Reset.

- **Activate** turns NVKeystone *on* and *off*.
- **Adjust** displays the NVKeystone Adjustment Screen. See [NVKeystone Adjustment Screen](#) in the next section for details.
- **Options** displays the NVKeystone Options dialog box. See “[NVKeystone Options](#)” on page 172 for details.
- **Reset** resets NVKeystone to its default settings; that is, “warping” is disabled.

## NVKeystone Adjustment Screen

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The “Adjustment Screen” (Figure 14.3) lets you adjust the warping of the display.

You can grab each of the red “hot spots” on the screen with the mouse and then drag it to warp the display. In addition, you can use your arrow keys to perform fine adjustments of the corner that you are currently grabbing with your mouse.

**Note:** Four options are available within the Adjustment Screen: **OK**, **Cancel**, **Reset** and **Options**.

- **OK** lets you exit the Adjustment Screen after automatically saving the adjustments you have made.
- **Cancel** lets you exit the Adjustment Screen and discards any adjustments you have made. Note that your screen then reverts to its state before you opened the Adjustment Screen.
- **Reset** resets your screen to *default* settings; i.e., no warping of the display.
- **Options** displays the NVKeystone Options dialog box. See “[NVKeystone Options](#)” on page 172 for details.

## NVKeystone Options

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From your desktop, right click your mouse to display the properties menu, then click **NVKeystone > Options** to display the NVKeystone options menu. The following options can be set:

- **Enable video overlay while NVKeystone is running** allows video to play back correctly when NVKeystone is active.

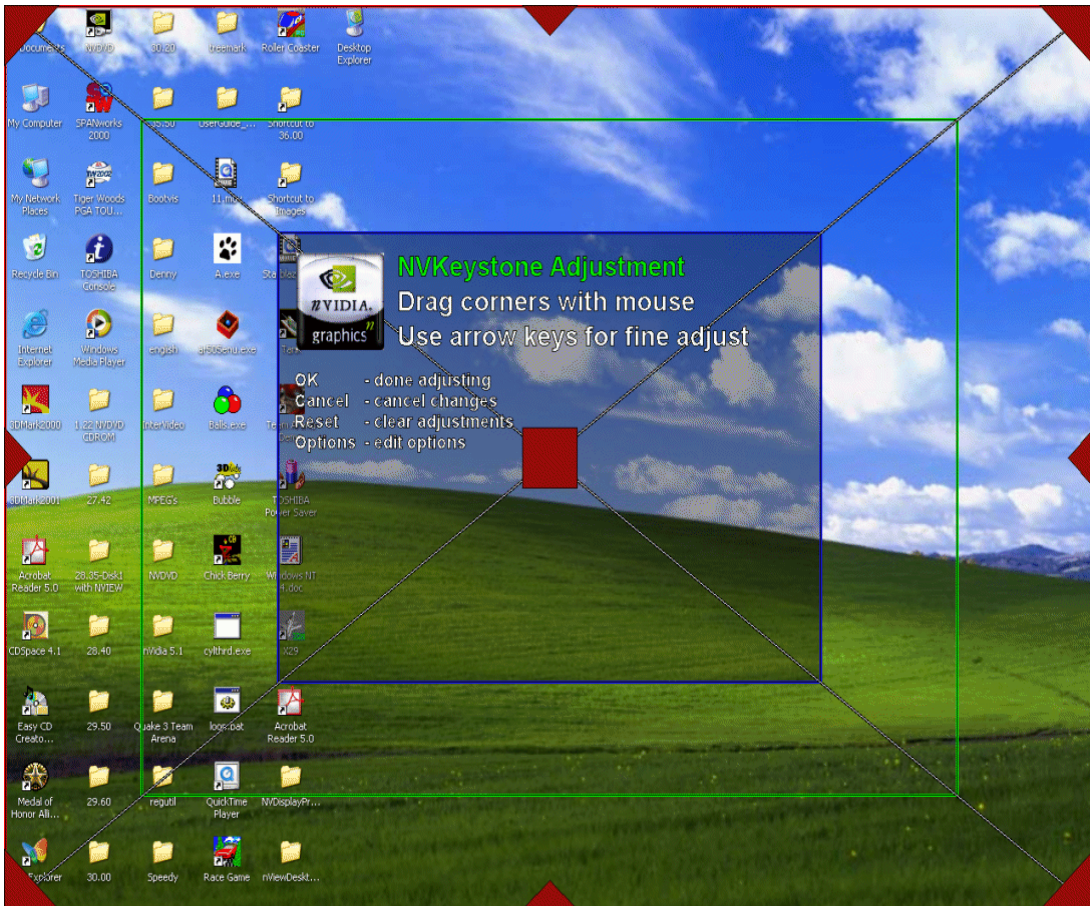
**Note:** It is recommended that this option remain enabled (checked).

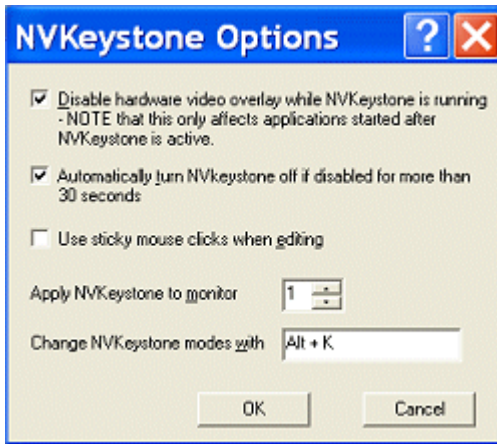


- **Automatically turn NVKeystone off if disabled for more than 30 seconds** automatically turns *off* NVKeystone and unloads it from memory if it is unused for more than 30 seconds.

When NVKeystone is not active (i.e., the “Activate” option is not checked in the NVKeystone menu), NVKeystone is still present in your computer's memory, however. This allows you to quickly turn on NVKeystone again, if needed.

**Figure 14.3** NVKeystone Adjustment Screen



**Figure 14.4** NVKeystone Options

- **Disable hardware video overlay while NVKeystone is running.**  
**Note:** Enabling this option *only* affects applications started after NVKeystone is activated.
- **Use sticky mouse clicks when editing** turns on “sticky” mouse clicks for the NVKeystone Adjustment Screen.  
**Note:** “Sticky” mouse click means that you can click once to grab a corner of the Adjustment Screen and then click again to release a corner instead of having to hold down the mouse button.
- **Apply NVKeystone to display ...**lets you to change the display device on which NVKeystone appears.  
**Note:** If you are running in nView Span or Clone mode, both displays will have NVKeystone applied. However, if you are running in Dualview mode, you will have the option to choose a display for NVKeystone.
- **Change NVKeystone modes with...** lets you change or assign a hot key to toggle the keystone mode between *off*, *on*, and *adjust*.  
**Note:** You can perform the same hot key assignment from the Desktop Properties Hot Keys tab. See “Using Hot Keys” on page 154.

## Display Calibration

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You can display a calibration screen to use when “auto-adjusting” your flat panel displays.

**Note:** This calibration screen is not needed if you use analog display monitors (CRTs).

- 1 Click **Calibration Screen** from the Tools Page (Figure 14.1).

Each of your display screens will now display the nView calibration screen. This calibration screen has been designed to optimize calibration of analog flat panels when using auto-calibrate (or auto-synchronization) features available on most flat panels.

- 2 For each analog flat panel, select its **auto-calibrate** or **auto-synchronization** function.

**Note:** This function varies for each flat panel manufacturer.

- 3 After auto-synchronizing each flat panel, press any key to close the flat panel calibration screens.

Your display flat panels should now be calibrated to their optimum settings.

## Windows Utilities

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- **Align displays.** Enable this option if you want nView Desktop Manager to automatically align your displays and remove small pixel gaps when you change your display mode.
- **Move to display.** Click this option to move your Windows icons and taskbar to a specified display.

# CHAPTER 15

## MANAGING APPLICATIONS: FOR ADVANCED USERS

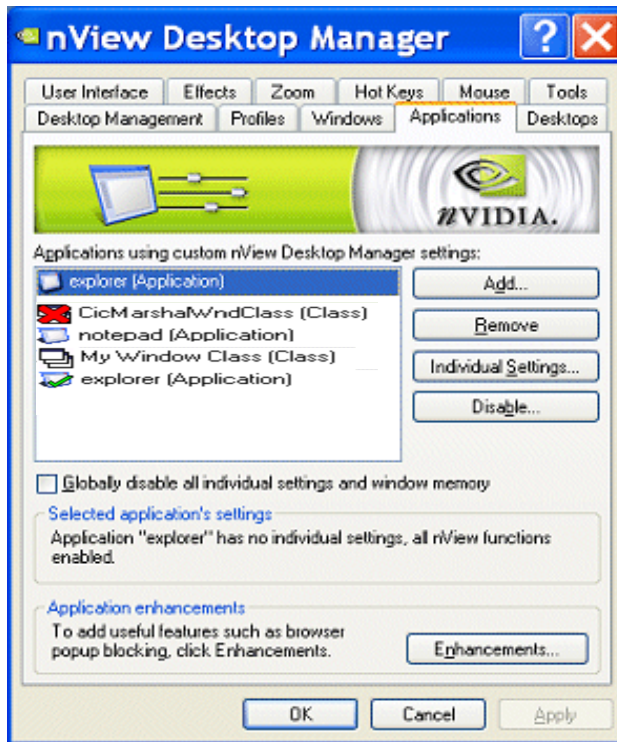
This chapter contains the following major sections:

- “Accessing the Applications Page” on page 176
- “About the Applications Features” on page 177
- “Adding an Application” on page 179
- “Removing an Application” on page 180
- “Globally Disable Individual Settings and Window Memory” on page 180
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- “Disabling an nView Desktop Manager Function” on page 183
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### Accessing the Applications Page

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- 1 If you need help accessing the nView Desktop Manager control panel, see “Enabling and Accessing the nView Desktop Manager Control Panel” on page 40.
- 2 Click the **Applications** tab or menu option to display the nView Desktop Manager **Applications** page (Figure 15.2).

**Figure 15.1** Applications Page Options

## About the Applications Features

nView Desktop Manager can be customized to function differently for each application. You can set up some applications to maximize to the full desktop while you can set up others to maximize to a single display.

You can also configure how an application launches. For example, you can choose a Windows application such as Calculator to always launch transparently while have Internet Explorer always launch on a specific desktop.

The nView Desktop Manager Applications page provides a central spot where you can set up and edit these individual application settings. The Applications page also allows you to disable nView Desktop Manager functions for each application. While NVIDIA tests hundreds of applications for compatibility, there may be certain third-party applications that are not compatible with certain features, such as Transparency or the nView Desktop Manager menu options. Using the Applications page, you can disable these features for applications that are not compatible with these features.

In addition to distinguishing between different applications, nView Desktop Manager can also distinguish between different **window classes**.

The **Applications** page (Figure 15.1) displays a list of applications and window classes that have been added and then set up for **Individual Settings** and/or to have nView Desktop Manager functions disabled for it.

Each line in the list box contains a few elements. The name of the application or class is listed along with an icon to the left.

- If there is a green check mark on the icon, this means the application has **Individual Settings**.
- If there is a yellow ! on the icon, this means that some nView Desktop Manager functions are disabled.
- If there is a bold red **X** on the icon, this means that all nView Desktop Manager functions are disabled for that application or class.

For example, the list in Figure 15.1 shows the following:

- The **CicMarshalWndClass** has all nView functions disabled.
- The **Notepad** application has no special settings.
- The **Regedit** application has some nView functions disabled.
- **My Window Class** has no special settings.
- The **Explorer** application has Individual Settings.

**Note:** When you add a class or an application to the list box, you still have not set any special settings for it. In this case, the icon (for the class or application) will be blank as in the Notepad application or My Window Class as shown in Figure 15.1. If you close the Applications page now and then re-open it, these two list elements will be removed because they had no special settings applied to them.

**Note:** In the section titled **Selected application's settings**, a text description of the selected item in the list is also provided. For the "Wordpad" application example, the text box correctly states that wordpad has no Individual Settings but that some nView Desktop Manager functions are disabled for it.



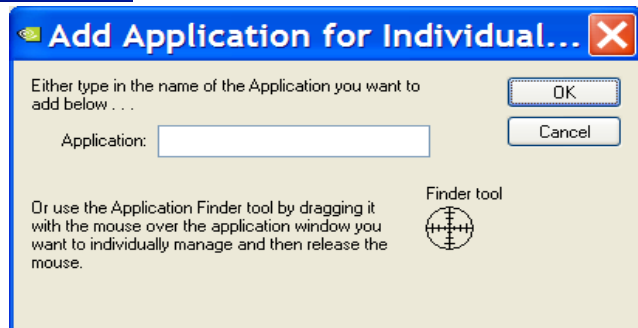
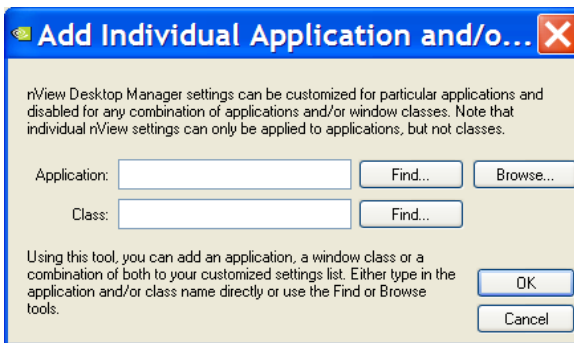
## Adding an Application

Use the **Add** option to add an application to the individually managed list box on the Applications page.

**Note:** If you do not set **Individual Settings** for the application, the application will be removed from the list when you close the nView Desktop Manager control panel.

- 1 To add an application, click **Add** to display a dialog box (Figure 15.2) where you can use the **Find** or **Browse** option to locate an application to add to the list box.

**Figure 15.2** Add Application Dialog Boxes (1)



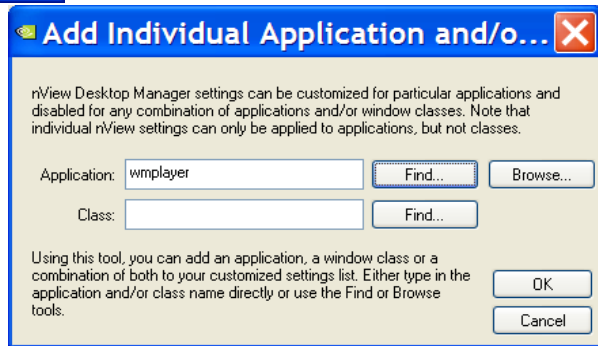
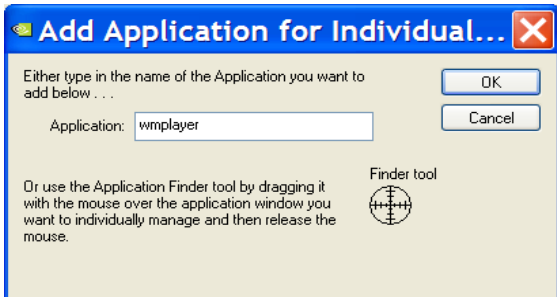
- 2 If you want to use the Browse option, click **Browse** and locate the application executable file you want to add. Then click **Open**
- 3 If you want to use the **Find** option, make sure that the application you want to add is open on your desktop. When you click the **Find** option, another dialog box (shown in Figure 15.2) appears.
- 4 Click and drag the circular **Finder tool** option to the title bar of the open application you want to add. Then, release the mouse button.

The name of the application appears in the **Application** field (Figure 15.2).



## 5 Click **OK**.

**Figure 15.3** Add Application Dialog Boxes (2)



## Removing an Application

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Click **Remove** to do the following:

- Remove the application or class from the list, thus removing it from being individually manage *and*
- Delete any Individual Settings or disabled function information for the application or class.

## Globally Disable Individual Settings and Window Memory

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At the bottom of the application list is a setting labeled **Globally disable individual settings and window memory**.

When *enabled* (checked), this option disables all nView Desktop Manager individual application settings throughout the system for all windows.

## About Windows Classes

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In rare cases, some applications may be written in such a way that either its main window or, more commonly, their child windows do not support an nView Desktop Manager feature (such as transparency) or else they do not support a user making changes to their size and/or position. In these cases, you can disable nView Desktop Manager functions only for the particular window(s) that may have support issues.

A **class** is simply a type of window. Often, window classes are unique to an application. For example, in nView Desktop Manager, several Window Classes are used; for example, a class called “Zoom1” for the Zoom window, a class called “Child1” for the little white square inside the Zoom window, and so on.

In addition to classes that are unique to an application, there are certain global classes of windows that are used by every application. An example is a dialog box that is a global class (the name is #32768 – class names are not always intuitive).

**Note:** Using class names, however, allows you to more precisely target windows for which you want to disable features.

For example, the Zoom1 window class can be set up not to support the transparency feature. Therefore, there is no need to turn off transparency for all nView Desktop Manager windows. Also, if another application uses the Zoom1 window class, the transparency rule will still operate.

When a class is selected in the list, the **Individual Settings** option is disabled. Classes cannot have Individual Settings *enabled*; they can only have nView Desktop Manager functions *disabled*.

## Adding a Window Class

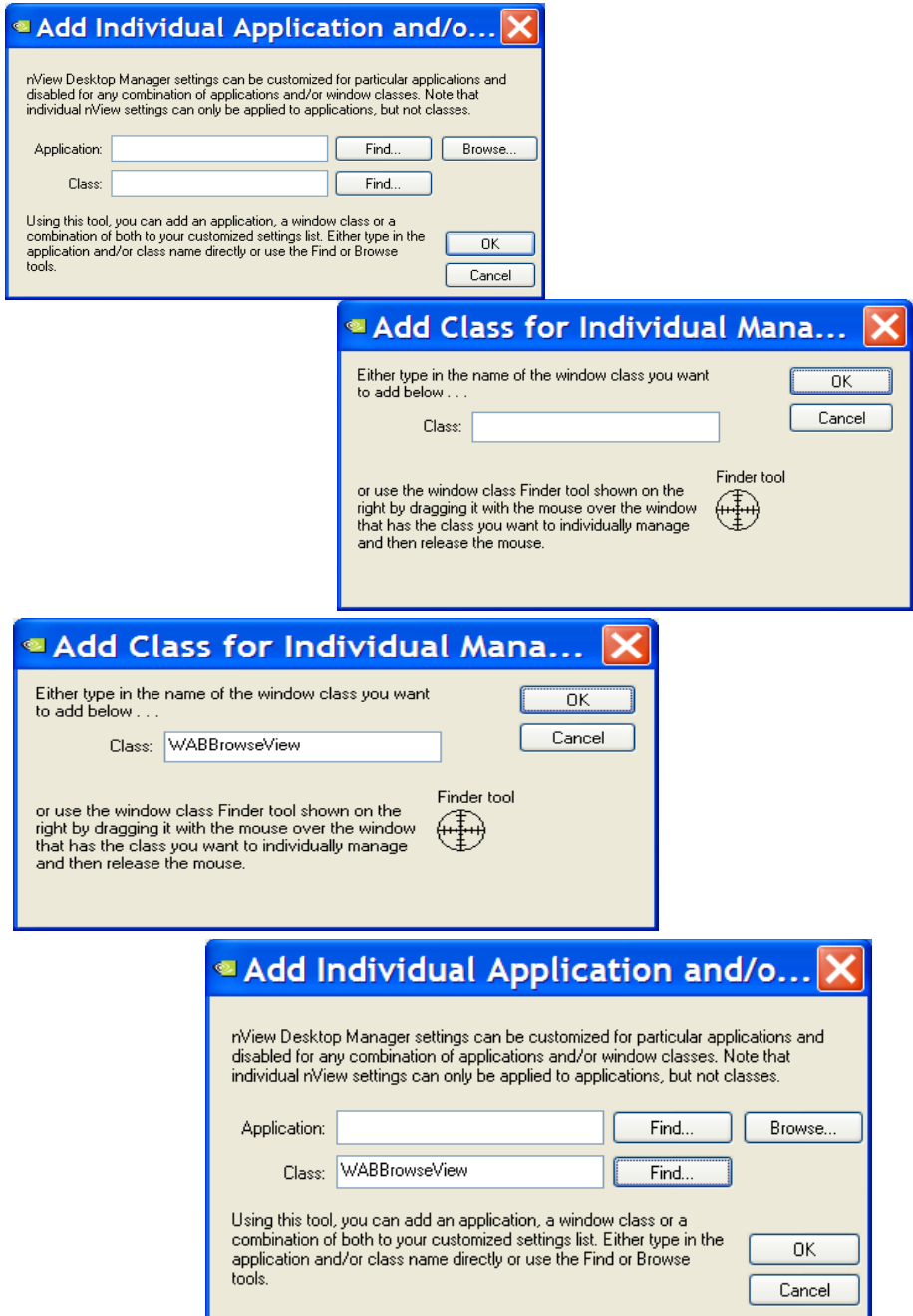
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- 1 To add a class, click **Add** to display a dialog box (Figure 15.3) where you can use the **Find** option to locate a window class to add to the list box.
- 2 Before you use the **Find** option, make sure that the application window (main or child window) for which you want to add class information is open on your desktop. When you click the **Find** option, another dialog box (shown in Figure 15.4) appears.
- 3 Click and drag the circular **Finder tool** option to the title bar of the open application for which you want to add class information. Then, release the mouse button.

The class name appears in the **Class** field (Figure 15.4).

- 4 Click **OK** to return to the Applications page where you will now see the class listed.

**Figure 15.4** Add Class Dialog Boxes (1)



## Disabling an nView Desktop Manager Function

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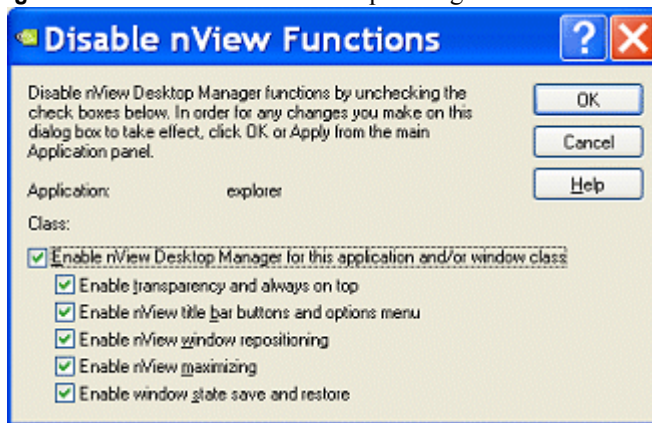
To disable one or more nView Desktop Manager functions for a particular application or class of windows, follow these steps:

- 1 From the Application page, select the application or class for which you want to disable a function.

**Note:** If the application or class for which you want to disable the function does not appear in the list box, add it using the **Add** option.

- 2 Click **Disable** to display the **Disable nView Functions** dialog box (Figure 15.5).

**Figure 15.5** Disable nView Desktop Manager Functions



By default, all functions are enabled. You can choose to disable all functions (Enable nView Desktop Management) or just a subset of functions from the group of check boxes.

- 3 Click **OK** when you have finished selecting functions to disable.

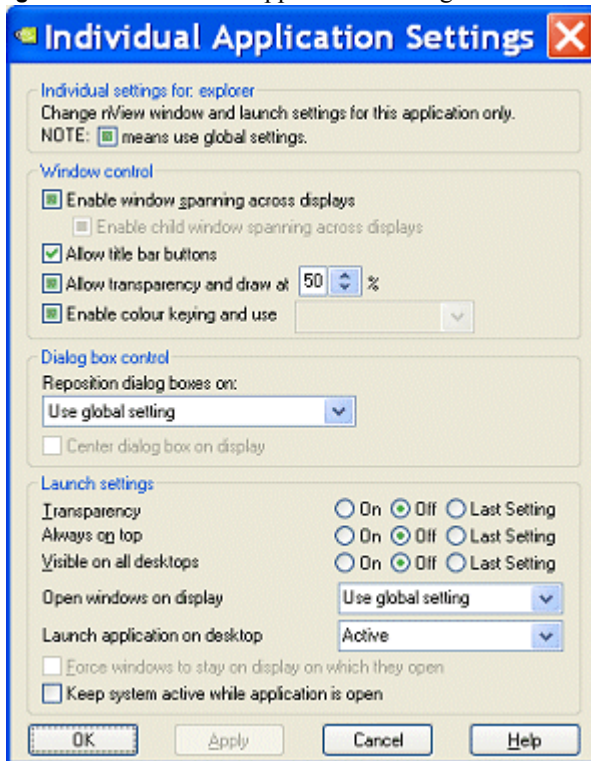
## Individual Settings

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**Note:** You can also set up individual application settings using the nView options menu. To edit individual settings for an application, select **Individual Settings > Edit** on an application's nView option menu.

- 1 To set individual nView Desktop Manager window management and launch settings for an application, click the application in the list to highlight it.
- 2 Click **Individual Settings** from the Applications page.

The **Individual Application Settings** dialog box appears (Figure 15.6).

**Figure 15.6** Individual Application Settings

From this dialog box, you can set up both individual window settings as well as launch settings for the application.

For details on using this dialog box, see “Individual Applications Settings” on page 129.

## Application Enhancements . . .

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Use the **Enhancements** option to add useful features, such as browser pop-up blocking, miscellaneous Internet Explorer-specific and PowerPoint-specific extensions for customized use of these applications, and much more.

If you want to modify nView Desktop Manager application-specific extensions, click **Enhancements** from the Application page.

The **Application Enhancements** dialog box appears (Figure 15.7).

## Internet Explorer Options

**Note:** You must have Internet Explorer 6.0 (at minimum) installed on your desktop to access the nView Desktop Manager-based Internet Explorer options on the Application Extensions dialog box (Figure 15.7) explained in this section.

**Figure 15.7** Application Extensions Dialog Box



### Add Internet Explorer Double Right-click and Shift-left-click Extension

When you enable this option (Figure 15.7), a new menu item labeled **Create the link window on display  $n$**  (Figure 15.8) on your Internet Explorer 6.0 browser, where  $n$  represents your display device.

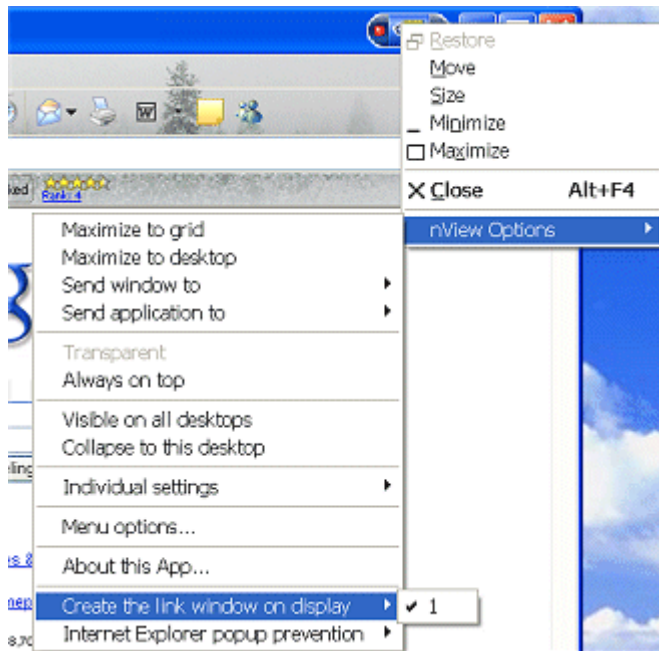
This option allow you to open links on a new window on the display of your choice.

For example, “1” is the only choice when only one display device is connected; 1 and 2 are choices when two display devices are connected; 1, 2, and 3 are choices when three display devices are connected, and so on.

Once you set this option on a primary Internet Explorer window, as shown in the example in Figure 15.8, when you **Shift-left click** or **double right-click** any link from this primary window, the browser window for that link opens on the display device you selected with this option.

**Note:** If you want the links to open on a different display after already creating a “link window,” you must first close the current “link window” and then create a different link window.

**Figure 15.8** Internet Explorer-Specific nView Menu Options



## Add Internet Explorer Popup Preventer Extension

When you enable this option, a new menu item labeled **Internet Explorer popup prevention** is added to the nView options menu (Figure 15.8).

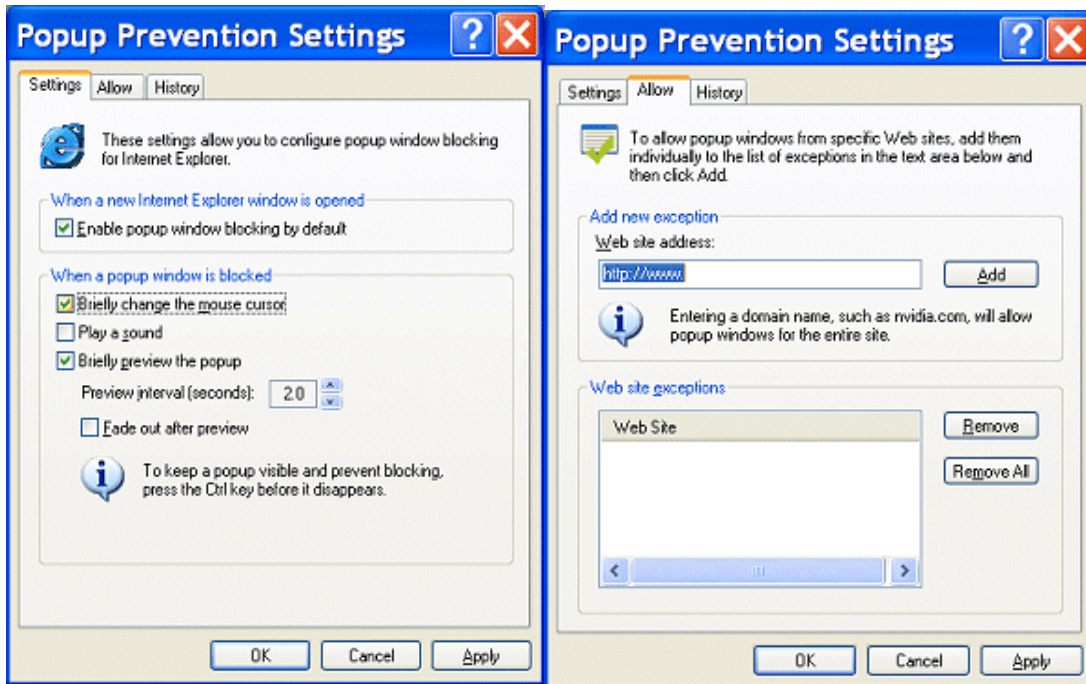
To set the Internet Explorer pop-up preventer extensions for *additional* sessions of your Internet Explorer window, follow these steps:

- 1 Enable the **Internet Explorer popup preventer extension** option on the Applications Enhancements dialog box (Figure 15.7).
- 2 Click **Apply**.
- 3 To configure additional settings, click **Properties** (Figure 15.7).

The Popup Prevention Settings window appears. It contains three tabs: **Settings**, **Allow**, and **History**. See Figure 15.9 and Figure 15.10.



**Figure 15.9** Popup Prevention Settings: **Settings** and **Allow** Pages



**Figure 15.10** Popup Prevention Settings — History Page



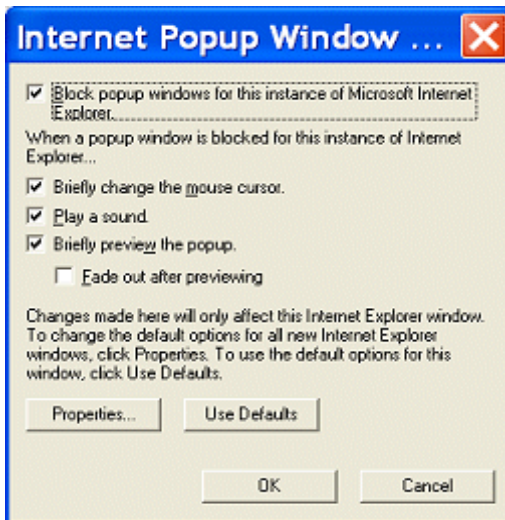
- 4 Configure the settings in each of the pages by enabling options, etc., as you need.
- 5 Be sure to click **Apply** after making changes to the pages.
- 6 Click **OK** to return to the Application Enhancements page.

**Note:** These settings will now apply to any Internet Explorer session you open on your desktop.

To apply settings to the *current session* of Internet Explorer while the window remains open, follow these steps:

- 1 From the Internet Explorer window, click the application title bar to access the nView options menu.  
  
If you don't see the nView options menu, that means you haven't yet added the nView options menu to your application title bar and/or system menus. To do so, see "[Accessing nView Menu Options](#)" on page 123.
- 2 Enable the **Internet Explorer popup preventer extension** option on the Applications Enhancements dialog box (Figure 15.7).
- 3 Again, from the Internet Explorer window, click the title bar to access the nView options menu.
- 3 Click **Internet Explorer popup prevention** and click **Edit** to open the Internet Popup Window dialog box (Figure 15.11).
- 4 Enable the settings you want and click **OK**.

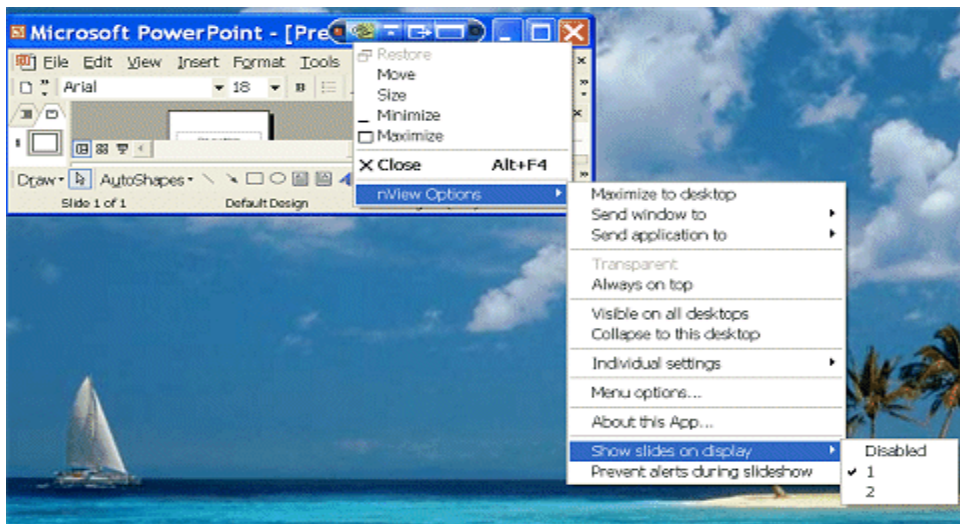
**Figure 15.11** Internet Explorer Dialog Box



## Add PowerPoint Slide Show Extension

When you enable the option **Add PowerPoint Side Show Extension** on the Application Enhancements dialog box (Figure 15.7), a new menu item labeled **Show slides on display  $n$**  (where  $n$  represents the display device) is added to the nView Desktop Manager options menu when you open the Microsoft PowerPoint 2000 or PowerPoint 2002 application (Figure 15.12).

**Figure 15.12** Microsoft PowerPoint-Specific nView Menu Options



**Note:** Once you select a display on which to show slides, future slide shows started from Microsoft PowerPoint will be shown on that display.