How To Enhance Your AnyWare Experience with Dual Monitors

Learning Tree AnyWare supports a dual monitor setup which allows you to have concurrent access to your AnyWare classroom, as well as a complete and separate view of your hands-on exercises — without having to toggle back and forth between windows.

A Dual Monitor setup will most certainly enhance your training experience and allow you to work with your hands on exercises while you are still engaged with your instructor and the AnyWare classroom.

In all of our Learning Tree AnyWare Centers, we provide a distraction-free learning environment, equipped with high-speed Internet as well as a dual screen computer.

If you are attending your Learning Tree AnyWare course from home or work, the following information will easily assist you with the dual monitor setup.

Dual monitors can be utilized by adding another PC, an additional monitor, a TV or even a projector.

In your AnyWare classroom, once you select the hands on exercise link from the AnyWare Dashboard and press the green launch button, this will launch a separate browser window. You can click and drag this window to the additional monitor.

The following information will help you create a dual monitor setup, should you not already have this in place.
How to Set Up your Dual Monitors for AnyWare – 2 Options!

An ideal dual monitor setup allows you to view your AnyWare classroom on the left monitor as your ‘main’ screen. Your additional monitor on the right will have your hands on exercises. You will be able to view your classroom, your instructor and your hands on exercises simultaneously!

Option 1 - Using 2 Computers

If you have 2 PCs/computers available, the solution is simple! On one PC/computer, you will be able to login and view your AnyWare virtual classroom. On the second PC/computer, you will be able to login and view your hands-on exercises. Simultaneously allowing you to view both your AnyWare classroom and instructor, as well as your hands on exercises!

Simply login to both PCs with the same URL and credentials provided to you in your Learning Tree Get Ready e-mail.

Note: Please make sure the second PC has its audio (microphone and speakers) muted, or it may cause audio feedback in the virtual classroom.

Option 2 - Using 1 Computer with 2 Monitors

If you have one PC/computer and an available additional monitor or TV, you will only need an available matching video port type between your computer and the additional monitor or TV. Because each device can potentially have multiple different video port types, please use the illustration below to determine the available video port type on your computer, additional monitor or even your TV. Once you have determined which available matching video port type you have, then you only need to acquire the specific cable: VGA, HDMI, DVI or DisplayPort. The cable will connect your PC/computer and the additional monitor/TV, together which allows you to have 2 screens for viewing your AnyWare classroom as well as your hands on exercises!

NOTE: Your company’s IT department may have the cable you need, or feel free to contact the AnyWare Support Team for assistance.

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**VGA**

These analog connections carry image but no sound and have trouble at higher resolutions. Nevertheless, VGA (video graphics array) remains a common output because of legacy corporate equipment. When you have to give a presentation and you don’t know what kind of connector you’re going to find when you arrive at your destination, VGA is a good bet.

**HDMI**

The same hi-def connector that’s found on many televisions is also working its way into computers and monitors. It supports high-definition video, as well as multi-channel audio. Plus, computers with HDMI (high-definition multimedia interface) can — obviously — plug right into a big-screen HDTV. “video, as” comma added.)

**DVI**

Short for digital visual interface, DVI is really a series of connections that have evolved over time. And the plugs can get tricky, because not every male DVI plug fits into every female DVI port — the variants include DVI-I and DVI-D, as well as single-link and dual-link DVI. Make sure your monitor matches your PC’s output.

**DISPLAYPORT**

This connector can currently support high-resolution video up to 2560 x 1600 at 60 Hz. Newer iterations of the standard will allow for multiple monitors to operate from a single port. DisplayPort can carry audio, but not all computers support it.
How to install a second Monitor or TV:

1. Locate the available Video port on your computer
   a. For a desktop, this is usually in the back
   b. For a laptop, this is usually on the back or on the sides
2. Power off your computer and first monitor
3. Connect power and the proper type of video cable (as per the illustration above) to your second monitor or TV
4. On your computer, plug the other end of the video cable into the available video port
5. Power on both monitors and then your computer
6. Login

Note: Continue below for information on “Adjusting Resolution and Extending the Monitor.”

Adjusting resolution and extending the Monitor:

Now we must adjust the settings to allow the display to the second monitor

1. XP
   a. Open Control Panel
   b. Select Display
   c. On the “Settings” tab, click the monitor icon that represents the monitor you want to use in addition to your primary monitor
   d. Select the Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor check box, and then click Apply or OK
   e. At this location you can also increase the screen resolution

2. Vista/7
   a. You can use the shortcut `+ ` and press EXTEND
   b. OR right-click any empty area of your desktop, and then click Screen resolution
   c. Click the Multiple displays drop-down list, and then select Extend these displays, or Duplicate these displays. Note: If you cannot see the additional monitor(s) listed, click Detect

3. Windows 8
   a. Bring up the charms bar (Windows key + C)
   b. Click on “Devices” followed by “Second screen”
   c. Choose how you want your monitors configured. “PC Screen only” and “Second screen only” turn off the other screen and display Windows on a single monitor only
   d. Selecting “Duplicate” mirrors Windows across both screens while, most interestingly, “Extend” spreads your desktop across both screens. One effect of this is that you can run the new Windows 8 Metro interface alongside the Windows 7 style Desktop

4. Mac
   a. Click the “Apple” menu in the top corner of your Mac screen and select “System Preferences” on the drop-down menu
   b. Click “Displays” under the Views heading
   c. Click the “Arrangement” tab
   d. Uncheck the “Mirror Displays” check box
   e. Drag the white menu bar onto the blue box representing the monitor you want to serve as your primary monitor

Need Help? Please contact our AnyWare Technical Support Team at 1-877-653-8733 or e-mail us at AnyWare@LearningTree.com