

## New Multi Monitor Technology adds a DVI input to Laptops

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Bartels Media GmbH has released MaxiVista v4, a software-only solution for turning any spare PC into a dual monitor for any Desktop PC.

MaxiVista enables users to place windows on multiple screens, as if one huge screen is used. The application increases the display area to open more program windows to increase the productivity.

The Multi Monitor software can also be used to control up to four computers with a single keyboard and mouse and replace hardware KVM switches.

The clipboard sharing feature can transfer data among the networked computers. Text or images copied to the clipboard on one computer automatically becomes available on all other computers.

The Mirror Pro version of MaxiVista can mirror the screen of one PC onto another computer, using a standard Ethernet or wireless network connection. PowerPoint presentation can be shown on a laptop and the slides can be sent to a slave computer that is connected to projector or large-screen PC.

New features in version 4 include support for Windows 7 and Vista including the 64-bit versions. Because of the driver architecture in the most recent versions of Windows, it has not been possible for third-party software developers to create software-only solutions for connecting multiple monitors to a Windows PC. MaxiVista's virtual display drivers have overcome these limitations.

The software even enables higher screen resolution, up to 2560-by-1600 pixels, for the second monitor, even if the Netbook or other monitor might not normally be capable of these extended resolutions.

The clipboard synchronization in MaxiVista v4 does not require Windows' file-sharing system anymore, allowing users to cut and paste between machines without weakening security.

MaxiVista's remote control mode lets users override the UAC, enabling remote control of the secondary PC with the primary PC's mouse and keyboard, regardless of the UAC settings on the secondary PC.

Because computers generally lack the video inputs which would be needed to use a PC as a monitor screen, MaxiVista installs a virtual video driver onto the primary PC. This video driver tricks Windows into believing that an additional monitor is installed.

MaxiVista uses any standard Wireless LAN, Firewire, or Ethernet network connection to transmit the screen contents or to send keyboard/mouse/clipboard input to the second PC. The program compresses the images that are processed by its virtual

video card, transmits them to the secondary PC, and uses a separate MaxiVista viewer program to decompress and display the images.

The Standard version of MaxiVista v4 runs on Windows 2000/2003/XP/Vista/7, costs \$39.95(US) for a single-user license, allowing users to use a second PC as a dual screen, and may be purchased securely online from [www.maxivista.com](http://www.maxivista.com). The Professional version, for \$49.95, includes the ability to remotely control other PCs, clipboard synchronization, and support of up to three secondary PCs. The Mirror Pro version, for \$99.95, supports desktop mirroring and maximizing display performance among the PCs.

Since 1996, Bartels Media has been developing and marketing productivity software for Windows users. In addition to MaxiVista, the company also offers PhraseExpress, an application that brings the Autotext-style processing that is so popular in Microsoft Office products to all Windows programs. Simply type text shortcuts, and PhraseExpress automatically expands them into longer phrases, speeding up your typing and eliminating typos in text snippets that you type frequently. For more information, visit [www.phraseexpress.com](http://www.phraseexpress.com).

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