

Lists all currently available profiles.

A profile contains a record of all nView Desktop Manager display settings for easy software setup. You can load a profile after selecting it from the list.

Using nView Desktop Manager, an Administrator can save a record of all of its display settings in a profile and continue to add new profiles that are specific to a company, workgroup, or user. An Administrator can create, save, or delete profiles.

**Note:** nView Desktop Manager includes several generic profiles for different industries.

Click to load a selected profile into nView Desktop Manager. Once you load a profile, all current Desktop Manager settings are replaced with those of the profile that is loaded.

Click to run the NVIDIA nView Desktop Manager Setup Wizard.

The Wizard helps set up the most commonly used nView Desktop Manager display settings, including window management, desktop management and "transparency" effects. Using this Wizard, you can enable or disable the automatic startup of nView Desktop Manager when loading Windows.

Click to create and add a new profile that contains all of the current nView Desktop Manager settings. Once saved, you can reload this profile at any time.

Click to save current nView Desktop Manager settings to the selected profile. Once saved, you can reload this profile at any time.

Click to delete the selected profile.

Allows windows to span (appear across) displays.  
If this option is disabled, windows will not span displays.

Allows child windows within an application to span (appear across) displays.

If this option is not checked, child windows will not span displays, even if the parent window does.

**Note:** To access this option, you must first enable the "Enable window spanning across displays" option.



Adds the nView Desktop Manager window maximize button to title bars on all application windows.  
Use this title bar button to toggle between maximized and restored states in multiple-display configurations.

This option lets you specify the location of dialog boxes.

- § Show dialog boxes on monitor  $n$  (where  $n$  is the number) repositions dialog boxes to a specific monitor.
- § Show dialog boxes at cursor repositions dialog boxes to the monitor where the cursor is located.
- § Show dialog boxes on application's monitor repositions dialog boxes on the parent application's monitor.

Displays dialog boxes on the specified display.

Repositions dialog boxes to the display where the cursor is located.

Displays dialog boxes on the parent application's display.

Click the arrows to select the display on which you want dialog boxes to appear.

Adds the **nView Options . . .** option to applications' system menus.

1. To access the system menu, right click the title bar of an application window
2. Then click **nView Options . . .** to access application-specific nView Desktop Manager features

Accelerates the Open, Maximize, and Restore window functions.



Enables window transparency when windows are dragged. Windows become transparent as you hold down the mouse button while on the window's title bar, so you can quickly see what is underneath the window. When you release the mouse button, the window becomes opaque.

Sets the degree of transparency for a window that is being moved. The higher the percentage you select, the more transparent the window appears while being moved.

Use the mouse wheel to change Zoom Levels when a Zoom window is active.

Use the mouse wheel to change Zoom Levels in a Zoom window when you hold down the **Shift** key.

**Note:** If the "Ctrl" option is also checked, you have to hold down both the **Ctrl** and **Shift** keys in order to use the mouse wheel to change Zoom Levels.

Use the mouse wheel to change Zoom Levels in a Zoom window by holding down the **Ctrl** key.

**Note:** If the "Shift" option is also checked, you have to hold down both the **Ctrl** and **Shift** keys to use the mouse wheel to change Zoom Levels.

Creates a Magnifying Glass style Zoom window when a Zoom window is launched. The Magnifying Glass Zoom window contains a white square in the center of the window.

- Adjusting the Zoom Level increases or decreases the size of the white square.
- 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 and then release the mouse button. The section of the screen inside the transparent white square now becomes magnified to fill the entire Zoom window.

Creates a Zoom window that displays a magnification of the area around the mouse cursor when a Zoom window is launched.

Click to toggle on or off a window that displays a magnification of a selected area of your screen.



Lists actions that can be performed when you press a key or combination of keys.

After you click inside this text box, the keys you press on your keyboard appear in the text box.

1. Select the key or combination of keys you want to use to perform the selected action that appears in the **Action** text box.
2. Then click **OK**.

Click to add the selected hot key action and keystroke combination to the Active Hot Keys list. Once a hot key is added, it is active and available for use.

Click to remove 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.

Click to remove all hot keys from the Active Hot Keys list. Once the hot keys are removed, they are no longer active or available for use.

Lists the hot keys that have been assigned and are currently active.

Lists all currently available desktops.

After selecting a desktop from this list, you can activate, rename, remove, or switch between desktops.

§ To add a new desktop to the list, click the **Add** button.

§ To switch to a desktop, double-click that desktop from the list.

Click to add a new desktop.

1. Enter a desktop name in the **Desktop Name** field, when prompted.
2. Click **Apply** and **OK**. The desktop is created and appears in the list of desktops.



Click to rename the selected desktop. Edit the name in the **Desktop Name** field and click **OK**.

Click to delete a desktop.

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

Adds an icon to the Windows taskbar that lets you open these nView Desktop Manager control panels, switch desktops, and change common display settings.

Lets you view desktops in the Windows Explorer folder tree. Using the Windows Explorer folder tree view, you can

- § Rename, delete, or add desktops.

- § Switch between desktops and drag applications from one desktop to another

Opens a small toolbar that allows you to quickly switch between desktops. You must enable the "Show desktops in the Explorer window folder tree" option to use this toolbar.

Enter a unique name for the new profile you are creating.

Enter a unique name for the new desktop you are creating.

Displays a list of the desktops or displays (monitors) that are currently available for use with your selected hot key.



Enter the application you want to run and its location. You can click **Browse** to search for the application.

When this option is *checked*, your system switches to the selected profile when you dock the system.

When the option is *unchecked*, no profile change takes place. For example, if you have selected **My Docked Profile** and the **Docked Profile** option is checked, the system will change to your custom docked profile when it is docked.

When this option is *checked*, your system switches to the selected profile when the system is undocked.

When the option is *unchecked*, no profile change takes place. For example, if you selected **My Undocked Profile** and the **Undocked Profile** option is checked, the system will change to your custom undocked profile when it is undocked.

When this option is *checked*, your system switches to the selected profile when the system enters Write mode. When the option is *unchecked*, no profile change takes place. For example, if you have selected **My Write Profile** and the Write Profile option is checked, the system will change to your custom write profile when you switch to Write mode.

Select **Default profile** to use factory default settings. Select **Custom profile** to use your personal settings.  
**Note:** You must create a custom docked profile before you can use custom settings when docked.

Select **Default profile** to use factory default settings.

Select **Custom profile** to use your personal settings.

**Note:** You must create a custom undocked profile before you can use custom settings when undocked.

Select **Default profile** to use factory default settings.

Select **Custom profile** to use your personal settings.

**Note:** You must create a custom write profile before you can use custom settings when in Write mode.

Click this option to create a custom profile.

1. Arrange your display settings, power settings, and applications the way you want them to appear whenever you enter this profile.
2. When you have completed the settings, click the option again to save your custom profile.



Loads or unloads nView Desktop Manager desktop management. Also controls if nView Desktop Manager automatically starts at boot or not.

Shows or hides advanced nView Desktop Manager settings (in the form of additional tabs) for multiple desktops, application management, and user interface features.

Click to access the Windows Display Properties Settings panel where Yours truly, can turn on or off (attach or detach) your connected displays.

Controls whether display mode information (resolution, display arrangement, etc) is saved to and/or restored from profiles.

Controls whether the taskbar is limited to a single display or stretched across multiple displays.

Allows any window on which your cursor appears to become active and move to the front of the window order.

Makes drop-down menus transparent when the main window is opaque.

Makes the taskbar transparent.



Displays the “global” transparency level. Click the up/down arrows to adjust the value, as needed.

**Note:** You can set individual application transparency levels using the application’s **Individual Settings**.

When this option is enabled and you click the **Show Zoom Window** option, the Zoom window displays a magnification of a fixed area on the screen.

1. From the open Zoom Window, click **Frame Window** to display the Fixed Frame window.
2. To magnify a different area of your screen, you can move the Fixed Frame window to another location on your screen. The magnified area appears in the Zoom Window.
3. Repeat step 2, as needed, to magnify different areas on your screen.

Shows the cursor in the magnified display if the "Centered on cursor" or "Fixed frame" Zoom window style is selected.

Allows video to be displayed in the Zoom window.

**Note:** You must start the video “after” the Zoom window is open in order to see the video in the Zoom window.

Click to open the Overlay Settings panel, where you can zoom a video window to fit an entire screen at full playback speed.

Adds an application to the individually managed list box.

**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 properties panel.

Click to add a Window Class to the individually managed list box.

**Note:** If you do not disable functions for the class, the class will be removed from the list when this panel is closed.

Click to remove an application or class from being individually managed or having functions disabled.



Click to set individual nView Desktop Manager window management and launch settings for an application.

Click to disable nView Desktop Manager functions for a particular application or class of windows.

Click to turn on/off individual application settings for all windows.

Displays applications and window classes that have either Individual Settings (green check) or disabled functions (exclamation point or red X).

Click to set the wallpaper and/or icon for the desktop.

Click to show the current wallpaper and/or icon selection for the desktop.

Specifies whether to show nView Desktop Manager options when you right click on the desktop.

Displays a balloon message on the taskbar when nView Desktop Manager has to disable a function.



Displays a button on window title bars allowing the window to be minimized to its title bar.

Displays a button on window title bars allowing access to the nView Desktop Manager option menu.

Click to customize the nView Desktop Manager Menu Options.

Displays the desktop name for a short period of time on your screen when you switch to a new desktop.

Enables a utility that allows you to adjust your screen to compensate for keystoneing effects.

Shows NVKeystone options on the desktop menu when you right click on the desktop.

Displays a test pattern that allows you to optimally adjust your display.

Automatically aligns multiple displays and remove small pixel gaps..



nView Desktop Manager automatically checks whether displays are still attached after resuming from a suspend or hibernate state.

If displays have been detached, the display settings are automatically changed to remove the detached displays.

Click to move your desktop icons and your taskbar to a specified display.

nView Desktop Manager colors the border of application windows according to the application's Individual Settings (accessible from the Applications panel) or the "Automatically assign colors. . ." option below. You can then manipulate color-keyed windows using color-keyed hot keys.

nView Desktop Manager automatically color keys windows that are open on the desktop using enabled colors that are not used in an application's Individual Settings. Colors are automatically chosen from the color pool as long as colors are available.

**Note:** If all colors have been used, new windows cannot be colored.

This is a Color-Key color. Double-click the color to enable, disable, or edit it.

Global transparency level used by nView Desktop Manager for transparent windows, taskbars, and menus. To set a specific transparency level for an application, use the application's **Individual Settings**.

When this option is enabled with “Centered on cursor” Zoom window style and the Zoom window is maximized, the Zoom window automatically moves to the next screen if your cursor moves onto the Zoom window.

You can use your mouse with applications under either Magnifying Glass or Fixed Frame Zoom window styles using the application's standard mouse editing methods.



A desktop switcher is added to the standard Alt-tab application switcher.

By default, this additional "switch desktop" functionality is accessed through an Alt-~ keystroke combination, which you can change from the Hot Keys panel..

You have loaded a locked profile. Locked profiles do not allow you to modify settings stored in the profile. To modify settings, please load an unlocked profile.

You cannot remove the default desktop. You also cannot remove desktops if you have loaded a locked profile.

This button starts a wizard which allows you to set the most common nView options. nView must be enabled before you can run this wizard.

You cannot disable window spanning unless you have more than one monitor or grid enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

You cannot disable child window spanning unless window spanning is enabled and you have more than one monitor or grid enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

You cannot enable taskbar modifications unless you have the taskbar always on top option turned off, the taskbar is not locked, show windows contents while dragging turned on and are not running a Windows 2000 style taskbar (either Windows 2000 operating system or Windows XP with classic style).

You cannot enable dialog repositioning unless you have more than one monitor or grid enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.



You cannot change this option unless you have dialog repositioning enabled and you have more than one monitor or grid enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

You cannot change this option unless you have dialog repositioning enabled and you have more than one monitor or grid enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

You cannot change this option unless you have dialog repositioning enabled and you have more than one monitor or grid enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

You cannot change this option unless you have dialog repositioning enabled, you choose to move dialogs to a monitor and you have more than one monitor or grid enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

You must select an app and/or class before you can remove it. You cannot remove apps and/or classes if you have loaded a locked profile.

You must select an app before you can edit its individual settings. You cannot change individual settings for a class (either a class or an app and class). You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

You must select an app and/or class before you can disable features for the app and/or class. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

You must enable grids before you can edit them. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.



You must enable color keying before you can change this control. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

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You must enable mouse wheel zoom level control before you can change this control. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

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This control is not available in magnifying glass zoom mode. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

This control is only available in centered on cursor zoom mode. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

This control is not available in centered on cursor zoom mode. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

This control is only available when you have enabled the automatically activate windows under cursor feature. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.



This control is only available when gestures are enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

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This control is only available when mouse throws are enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

This control is only available when mouse keystone is enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

This control is only available if you have installed DirectX8 or later, you are running 16bpp or more on every display, keystone was included in your driver package and you are running a Windows ME or later operating system. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

This control is only available when you have more than one monitor available and you are not running Span mode. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

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Enables the NVIDIA 3D Desktop. This 3D Desktop replaces your Windows desktop with a 3D surface allowing you to skin your windows and use 3D effects. The 3D Desktop requires that you have DirectX8 or later installed, be running Windows XP and be running a GeForce4 4200 or higher class card.



Uninstalls the NVIDIA 3D Desktop files.

Adds control of your 3D Desktop to your desktop properties menu.

Turns on post-processing of your desktop. This allows for more advanced effects to be used at a slight performance cost.

Loads a pre-defined 3D Desktop theme. This allows for more advanced effects to be used at a slight performance cost.

Allows you to preview your 3D Desktop settings.

Enables or disables the mouse effects which are in your 3D Desktop theme.

Enables or disables the animation effects which are in your 3D Desktop theme.

Enables or disables the window shading effects which are in your 3D Desktop theme.



Enables or disables the window lighting effects which are in your 3D Desktop theme.

Enables or disables the window skinning selections which are in your 3D Desktop theme.

Opens a dialog box allowing for detailed control over your 3D Desktop settings including the ability to create and save themes.

The 3D Desktop must be enabled to access this control. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

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Allows you to throw windows (while dragging a window, release the mouse) to screen edges.

Allows you to define what action occurs when you shake your mouse.



Allows you to define what action occurs when you move your mouse in a circular motion.

Causes your cursor to jump dead screen areas when moving from monitor to monitor.

Allows you to change window z-ordering using the middle mouse button.

Requires the shift key to be down when moving the mouse in a gesture.

Performs the gesture action on the window under the cursor (normally action is performed on the active window).

Adjusts the sensitivity of mouse throws. To make the sensitivity higher (to make throwing easier), move slider to the right.

Adjusts the sensitivity of mouse gesture. To make the sensitivity higher (to make shaking or rotate easier), move slider to the right.

Gestures must be enabled to access this setting. You cannot change this setting if have loaded a locked profile.



Allows you to mark an application and class window to flash its border when it is open.

Allows you to modify nView application specific extensions.

This setting can only be applied to an application and class pair. You cannot change this setting if have loaded a locked profile.

This option allows you to set different resolutions per desktop. Note that changing resolutions can take a long time and this will impact your desktop switching speed.

This option allows you to show command prompt windows on the desktop which they were opened on only (as opposed to all desktops which is the default).

Allows you to change general multiple desktop options.

Resets all desktops to the current resolution.

Forces all desktops to use the current wallpaper. This improves desktop switching speed.



Windows 2000 or later is required to use nView transparency functions. In addition, you cannot change this setting if have loaded a locked profile.

You must have administrative privileges to save profiles.

The nView toolbar allows you to place profiles, actions and desktops on a dockable toolbar where they are accessible with a single button click.

nView grids allow you to define grids on each of your monitors which then act as sub-monitors for the purposes of dialog repositioning, window spanning and max operations.

Allows you to edit grids and anchor points used by mouse throws for a monitor.

Windows 2000 or later is required to use the nView Toolbar. In addition, you cannot change this setting if have loaded a locked profile.

Windows 2000 or later is required to use nView grids. In addition, you cannot change this setting if have loaded a locked profile.

Allows you to set which monitor applications open on by default. The Last monitor is the monitor upon which you closed the application. The Start monitor is the monitor containing the Start button. Note that if Last is chosen, the application state (including the NVMax or Collapse state) is also restored when the application opens.



Prevents windows from opening off screen.

Forces dialog boxes to be centered on their target monitor.

You cannot enable this option unless you have more than one monitor or grid enabled. You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

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Desktop Colors, such as Brightness, Contrast Gamma and Image Sharpening

Direct3D specific settings

Settings pertaining to performance and quality for OpenGL and Direct 3D

Driver, Keystone and Edge Blending User settings



Settings applicable to Full Screen Video and Hardware Video Overlay

OpenGL specific settings

Shows or hides detailed options for profile loads or saves.

Saves and restores the open application state on the desktop.

Saves and restores the nView desktop management settings.

Saves and restores the display mode.

Saves and restores the taskbar position if mode information is selected.

Saves and restores the machine power profile if mode information is selected.



Displays a list of applications saved within the profile if application state data is saved within the profile.

Loads the selected profile and applies the settings selected on the advanced page.

Saves the selected profile with the settings selected on the advanced page.

Cancels the action.

This is the text that describes the profile, user can change the profile description when save and create the profile.

When the **Automatically activate windows under cursor** option is enabled, enable this option (**Change window z-order when activating**) to bring the auto-activated window to the front.

You must enable the **Automatically activate windows under cursor** option before you can change this control.  
You cannot change this setting if you have loaded a locked profile.

Inverting the colors of the zoomed text or image makes the screen more readable. To enable this option, select **Invert zoomed image colors** and click **Apply**.



You cannot add a hotkey if you don't select an action. You also cannot add hotkey if you have loaded a locked profile.

You cannot remove a hotkey if your active hotkey list is empty (you have not selected a hotkey to remove). You also cannot add hotkey if you have loaded a locked profile.

Allows you to trigger configurable actions by moving your mouse in a defined manner.

Forces desktops to not repaint until all windows have finished drawing.

Enables or disables multiple desktops.

You cannot add new desktop if you unchecked **Enable multiple desktops** button. You also cannot add new desktop if you have loaded a locked profile.

You cannot change options if you unchecked **Enable multiple desktops** button. You also cannot change options if you have loaded a locked profile.

