

NAME

xvidtune – video mode tuner for Xorg

SYNOPSIS

xvidtune [**-show** | **-prev** | **-next** | **-unlock**] [*-toolkitoption ...*]

DESCRIPTION

Xvidtune is a client interface to the X server video mode extension (XFree86-VidModeExtension).

When given one of the non-toolkit options, xvidtune provides a command line interface to either print or switch the video mode.

Without any options (or with only toolkit options) it presents the user with various buttons and sliders that can be used to interactively adjust existing video modes. It will also print the settings in a format suitable for inclusion in an xorg.conf file.

Normally the Xorg X servers only allow changes to be made with the XFree86-VidModeExtension from clients connected via a local connection type.

Note: The original mode settings can be restored by pressing the ‘R’ key, and this can be used to restore a stable screen in situations where the screen becomes unreadable.

The available buttons are:

Left

Right

Up

Down

Adjust the video mode so that the display will be moved in the appropriate direction.

Wider

Narrower

Shorter

Taller

Adjust the video mode so that the display size is altered appropriately.

Quit

Exit the program.

Apply

Adjust the current video mode to match the selected settings.

Auto

Cause the Up/Down/Right/Left, Wider/Narrower/Shorter/Taller, Restore, and the special S3 buttons to be applied immediately. This button can be toggled.

Test

Temporarily switch to the selected settings.

Restore

Return the settings to their original values.

Fetch

Query the server for its current settings.

Show

Print the currently selected settings to stdout in xorg.conf "Modeline" format. The primary selection is similarly set.

Next

Switch the Xserver to the next video mode.

Prev

Switch the Xserver to the previous video mode.

For some S3-based cards (964 and 968) the following are also available:

InvertVCLK

Change the VCLK invert/non-invert state.

EarlySC

Change the Early SC state. This affects screen wrapping.

BlankDelay1

BlankDelay2

Set the blank delay values. This affects screen wrapping. Acceptable values are in the range 0–7. The values may be incremented or decremented with the ‘+’ and ‘-’ buttons, or by pressing the ‘+’ or ‘-’ keys in the text field.

For S3-864/868 based cards *InvertVCLK* and *BlankDelay1* may be useful. For S3 Trio32/Trio64 cards only *InvertVCLK* is available. At the moment there are no default settings available for these chips in the video mode extension and thus this feature is disabled in xvidtune. It can be enabled by setting any of the optional S3 commands in the screen section of xorg.conf, e.g. using

blank_delay "*" 0

OPTIONS

xvidtune accepts the standard X Toolkit command line options as well as the following:

- show** Print the current settings to stdout in xorg.conf "Modeline" format and exit.
- prev** Switch the Xserver to the previous video mode.
- next** Switch the Xserver to the next video mode.
- unlock** Normally, *xvidtune* will disable the switching of video modes via hot-keys while it is running. If for some reason the program did not exit cleanly and they are still disabled, the program can be re-run with this option to re-enable the mode switching key combinations.

SEE ALSO

xrandr(1), **Xorg(1)**, **xorg.conf(5)**.

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BUGS

X Error handling, i.e. when the server does not allow xvidtune clients to write new modes, could be better.