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## Multiple Displays



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Another neat new feature with SDL 2 is the ability to handle multiple displays. Here we'll be making our window jump from display to display.

```
class LWindow
{
public:
    //Initializes internals
    LWindow();

    //Creates window
    bool init();

    //Handles window events
    void handleEvent( SDL_Event& e );

    //Focuses on window
    void focus();

    //Shows windows contents
    void render();

    //Deallocates internals
    void free();

    //Window dimensions
    int getWidth();
    int getHeight();

    //Window focus
    bool hasMouseFocus();
    bool hasKeyboardFocus();
    bool isMinimized();
    bool isShown();

private:
    //Window data
    SDL_Window* mWindow;
    SDL_Renderer* mRenderer;
    int mWindowID;
    int mWindowDisplayID;

    //Window dimensions
    int mWidth;
    int mHeight;

    //Window focus
    bool mMouseFocus;
    bool mKeyboardFocus;
    bool mFullScreen;
    bool mMinimized;
    bool mShown;
};
```

Here is our window from previous tutorials with a window display ID to keep track of which display the window is on.

```
//Our custom window
LWindow gWindow;

//Display data
int gTotalDisplays = 0;
SDL_Rect* gDisplayBounds = NULL;
```

Our displays all have a integer ID and a rectangle associated with them so we know the position and dimensions of each display on our desktop.

```
bool LWindow::init()
{
    //Create window
    mWindow = SDL_CreateWindow( "SDL Tutorial", SDL_WINDOWPOS_UNDEFINED, SDL_WINDOWPOS_UNDEFINED, SCREEN_WIDTH, SCREEN_HEIGHT, SDL_WINDOW_...
    if( mWindow != NULL )
    {
        mMouseFocus = true;
        mKeyboardFocus = true;
        mWidth = SCREEN_WIDTH;
        mHeight = SCREEN_HEIGHT;

        //Create renderer for window
        mRenderer = SDL_CreateRenderer( mWindow, -1, SDL_RENDERER_ACCELERATED | SDL_RENDERER_PRESENTVSYNC );
        if( mRenderer == NULL )
        {
            printf( "Renderer could not be created! SDL Error: %s\n", SDL_GetError() );
            SDL_DestroyWindow( mWindow );
            mWindow = NULL;
        }
        else
        {
            //Initialize renderer color
            SDL_SetRenderDrawColor( mRenderer, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF );

            //Grab window identifiers
            mWindowID = SDL_GetWindowID( mWindow );
            mWindowDisplayID = SDL_GetWindowDisplayIndex( mWindow );

            //Flag as opened
            mShown = true;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        printf( "Window could not be created! SDL Error: %s\n", SDL_GetError() );
    }

    return mWindow != NULL && mRenderer != NULL;
}
```

Our window creation code is pretty much the same as before only now we made a call to [SDL\\_GetWindowDisplayIndex](#) so we know which display the window was created on.

```
void LWindow::handleEvent( SDL_Event& e )
{
    //Caption update flag
    bool updateCaption = false;

    //If an event was detected for this window
    if( e.type == SDL_WINDOWEVENT && e.window.windowID == mWindowID )
    {
        switch( e.window.event )
        {
            //Window moved
            case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_MOVED:
                mWindowDisplayID = SDL_GetWindowDisplayIndex( mWindow );
                updateCaption = true;
                break;

            //Window appeared
            case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_SHOWN:
                mShown = true;
                break;

            //Window disappeared
            case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_HIDDEN:
                mShown = false;
                break;

            //Get new dimensions and repaint
            case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_SIZE_CHANGED:
                mWidth = e.window.data1;
                mHeight = e.window.data2;
                SDL_RenderPresent( mRenderer );
                break;

            //Repaint on expose
            case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_EXPOSED:
                SDL_RenderPresent( mRenderer );
                break;
        }
    }
}
```

```

//Mouse enter
case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_ENTER:
    mMouseFocus = true;
    updateCaption = true;
    break;

//Mouse exit
case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_LEAVE:
    mMouseFocus = false;
    updateCaption = true;
    break;

//Keyboard focus gained
case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_FOCUS_GAINED:
    mKeyboardFocus = true;
    updateCaption = true;
    break;

//Keyboard focus lost
case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_FOCUS_LOST:
    mKeyboardFocus = false;
    updateCaption = true;
    break;

//Window minimized
case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_MINIMIZED:
    mMinimized = true;
    break;

//Window maxized
case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_MAXIMIZED:
    mMinimized = false;
    break;

//Window restored
case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_RESTORED:
    mMinimized = false;
    break;

//Hide on close
case SDL_WINDOWEVENT_CLOSE:
    SDL_HideWindow( mWindow );
    break;
}

```

Here in our window's event handler we handle a `SDL_WINDOWEVENT_MOVED` event so we can update the display the window is on using `SDL_GetWindowDisplayIndex`.

```

else if( e.type == SDL_KEYDOWN )
{
    //Display change flag
    bool switchDisplay = false;

    //Cycle through displays on up/down
    switch( e.key.keysym.sym )
    {
        case SDLK_UP:
            ++mWindowDisplayID;
            switchDisplay = true;
            break;

        case SDLK_DOWN:
            --mWindowDisplayID;
            switchDisplay = true;
            break;
    }
}

```

When we press up or down we change the display index to move to the next display.

```

//Display needs to be updated
if( switchDisplay )
{
    //Bound display index
    if( mWindowDisplayID < 0 )
    {
        mWindowDisplayID = gTotalDisplays - 1;
    }
    else if( mWindowDisplayID >= gTotalDisplays )
    {
        mWindowDisplayID = 0;
    }

    //Move window to center of next display
    SDL_SetWindowPosition( mWindow, gDisplayBounds[ mWindowDisplayID ].x + ( gDisplayBounds[ mWindowDisplayID ].w - mWidth ) / 2, gDisplayBounds[ mWindowDisplayID ].y + ( gDisplayBounds[ mWindowDisplayID ].h - mHeight ) / 2 );
    updateCaption = true;
}
}

```

```
//Update window caption with new data
if( updateCaption )
{
    std::stringstream caption;
    caption << "SDL Tutorial - ID: " << mWindowID << " Display: " << mWindowDisplayID << " MouseFocus:" << ( ( mMouseFocus ) ? "On" : "Off" ) << " KeyboardFocus
    SDL_SetWindowTitle( mWindow, caption.str().c_str() );
}
}
```

If we need to move to the next display, we first make sure the display is a valid index by bounding it. We then update the position of the window with [SDL\\_SetWindowPosition](#). This call here will center the window in the next display.

```
bool init()
{
    //Initialization flag
    bool success = true;

    //Initialize SDL
    if( SDL_Init( SDL_INIT_VIDEO ) < 0 )
    {
        printf( "SDL could not initialize! SDL Error: %s\n", SDL_GetError() );
        success = false;
    }
    else
    {
        //Set texture filtering to linear
        if( !SDL_SetHint( SDL_HINT_RENDER_SCALE_QUALITY, "1" ) )
        {
            printf( "Warning: Linear texture filtering not enabled!" );
        }

        //Get number of displays
        gTotalDisplays = SDL_GetNumVideoDisplays();
        if( gTotalDisplays < 2 )
        {
            printf( "Warning: Only one display connected!" );
        }
    }
}
```

In our initialization function we find out how many displays are connect to the computer using [SDL\\_GetNumVideoDisplays](#). If there's only 1 display we output a warning.

```
//Get bounds of each display
gDisplayBounds = new SDL_Rect[ gTotalDisplays ];
for( int i = 0; i < gTotalDisplays; ++i )
{
    SDL_GetDisplayBounds( i, &gDisplayBounds[ i ] );
}

//Create window
if( !gWindow.init() )
{
    printf( "Window could not be created!\n" );
    success = false;
}

return success;
}
```

Now that we know how many displays are connected, we allocate rectangles for each of them and get the bounds for each one using [SDL\\_GetDisplayBounds](#). After this we initialize our window.

```
//Main loop flag
bool quit = false;

//Event handler
SDL_Event e;

//While application is running
while( !quit )
{
    //Handle events on queue
    while( SDL_PollEvent( &e ) != 0 )
    {
        //User requests quit
        if( e.type == SDL_QUIT )
        {
            quit = true;
        }

        //Handle window events
        gWindow.handleEvent( e );
    }

    //Update window
    gWindow.render();
}
```

Since our code is well encapsulated the main loop hasn't changed since all the changes have happened under the hood.

Download the media and source code for this tutorial [here](#).

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