



Connecting a Monitor to a Computer

There are two video cables connected to your computer: a blue VGA cable and a white DVI cable. You will only need to connect the white DVI cables to your computer. The blue VGA cable can stay connected to your monitor but should not be connected to your computer. Before connecting the monitor to your computer, you will need to identify the type of computer you are using and then follow the instructions under the corresponding section.

Locating the Name of Your Computer

Identifying Your Desktop Computer

Step 1: Locate the front of your desktop computer.

Step 2: Look to the left hand side of the computer.
The model name and number is listed on the corner edge to the left of the CD drive.

Step 2

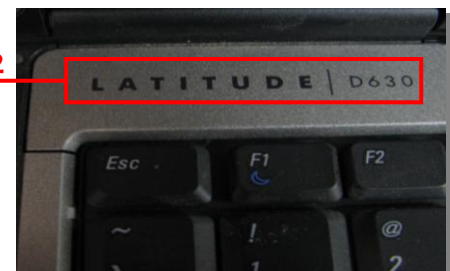


Identifying Your Laptop Computer

Step 1: Open your laptop and navigate to the top left hand corner.

Step 2: The model name and number is listed above the Esc key.

Step 2



Connecting a Monitor to an Optiplex 620 Computer

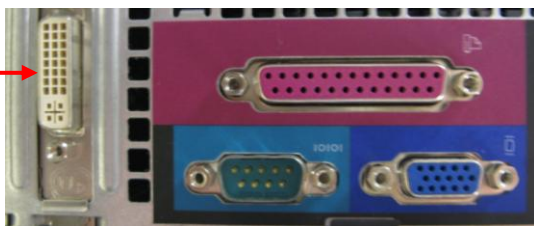
Step 1: Locate the white cable connected to the monitor.

Step 2: Locate the white port on the back of the computer. If your computer is lying down, the white port is on the left side.

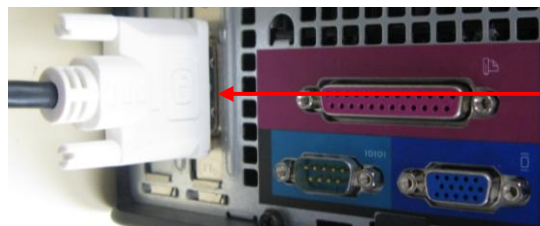
Step 3: Plug the white connector from the monitor cable into the white port on the back of the computer.



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4: If you are unable to view anything on the monitor, you may need to toggle between your inputs. To do so, follow the instructions under Changing Monitor Input Settings on page 3.





Connecting a Monitor to an Optiplex 745 or 960 Computer

The Optiplex models 745 and 960 use a splitter cable that must be hooked in-between the white monitor cable and the white port on the computer. The white cables on the splitter are identified as #1 and #2.

Splitter



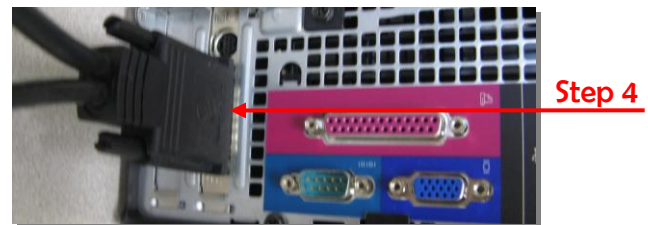
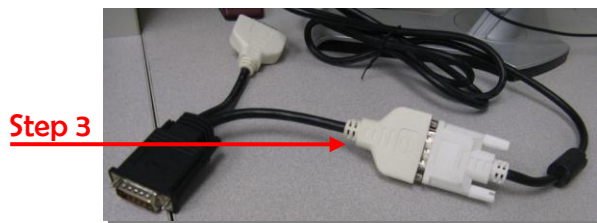
Step 1: Locate the white cable connected to the monitor.

Step 2: On the splitter cable, look at the white cables closely to locate the one labeled as #1.



Step 3: Connect the monitor cable to the #1 cable on the splitter.

Step 4: Take the black connector on the other end of the splitter and connect it to the white port on the computer.



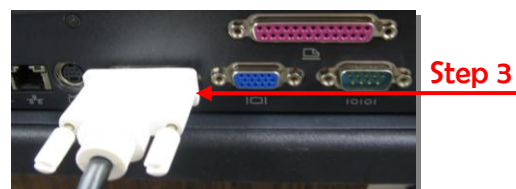
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Connecting a Monitor to the Latitude D610, D620, or D630 Docking Station

Step 1: Locate the white cable connected to the monitor.

Step 2: Locate the white port on the back of the docking station.

Step 3: Plug the white connector from the monitor cable into the white port on the back of the docking station.



Step 4: If you are unable to view anything on the monitor, you may need to toggle between your inputs. To do so, follow the instructions under Changing Monitor Input Settings on page 3.



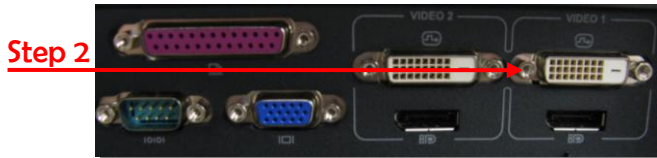


Connecting a Monitor to the Latitude E4300 and E6400 Docking Station

Step 1: Locate the white cable connected to the monitor.

Step 2: Locate the white port on the back of the docking station.

Step 3: Plug the white connector from the monitor cable into the white port labeled as Video 1 on the back of the docking station.

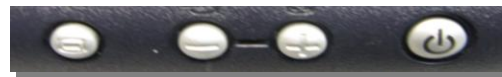


Step 4: If you are unable to view anything on the monitor, you may need to toggle between your inputs. To do so, follow the instructions under Changing Monitor Input Settings below.

Changing Monitor Input Settings

If you do not have anything showing on the screen, you may have to toggle between the digital and analog input settings. Since you are using a white connector then you want to select digital input.

Note: There are two different monitors. Look at the picture below to see which one looks exactly like your monitor.



Step 1: Locate the display button on the front of the monitor.

Display
Button



Display
Button



Step 2: Press the display button once to see which input is selected. If analog is showing, press the display button again. This time digital should be selected and you should have output on your monitor screen.

Still can't fix it? Email the CAS Resource Center at fixit@ext.msstate.edu.

