Dell Precision 3240 Compact

Connecting External Displays



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Notes, cautions, and warnings

(i) NOTE: A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your product.

CAUTION: A CAUTION indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

MARNING: A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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Enable multiple displays

The Precision 3240 Compact supports display on multiple monitors when **Multi-Display** is enabled in the BIOS. Enable multi display in the BIOS:

- 1. Turn on (or restart) your computer and press F2 immediately to enter the BIOS.
- 2. Click Video to expand the video options.
- 3. Click Multi-Display, and then select the Enable Multiple-Display checkbox.

(i) NOTE: Multiple-Display is checked by default.

- 4. Click Primary Display.
- 5. Click Auto, Intel HD Graphics, or NVIDIA HD Graphics to choose the primary display.

(i) NOTE: NVIDIA HD Graphics option is available only when the NVIDIA graphics card is installed on the computer.

Display behavior

The Precision 3240 Compact supports multiple displays only in the operating system.

The supported operating systems are:

- Windows 10
- Red Hat Linux
- Ubuntu

Table 1. Supported video ports

Graphics cards	Video ports
Intel HD Graphics	Two DisplayPortsOne Optional module
NVIDIA RTX3000	Four Mini DisplayPorts
NVIDIA P1000	Four Mini DisplayPorts
NVIDIA P400	Three Mini DisplayPorts
NVIDIA P620	Four Mini DisplayPorts

(i) **NOTE:** If the monitor is connected to the NVIDIA graphics card based on the available monitor input ports, an Mini DisplayPort to DisplayPort/HDMI/VGA/DVI adapter may be required.

Table 2. Display behavior when multi-display is enabled

Primary display	Display output	Display priority
Auto or Intel HD Graphics	DisplayPort	DisplayPort 1 > DisplayPort 2 > DisplayPort 3 () NOTE: The third display is available only when the optional video module is installed.
NVIDIA HD Graphics	Mini DisplayPort	Mini DisplayPort 1 > Mini DisplayPort 2 > Mini DisplayPorts 3

Table 3. Display behavior when multi-display is disabled

Primary display	Display output	Display behavior	
Auto	DisplayPort	If an NVIDIA graphics card is installed on the computer, then the monitor must be connected to the Mini DisplayPort on the NVIDIA graphics card. If the monitor is connected to the DisplayPort on the Intel HD graphics or the optional module, then a warning message Unsupported Video Configuration Detected is displayed.	
Intel HD Graphics	DisplayPort	Video output is present on the monitor.(i)NOTE: If the monitor is connected to the Mini DisplayPort on the NVIDIA graphics card, then there is no video output on the monitor.	
NVIDIA HD Graphics	Mini DisplayPort	Video output is present on the monitor. (i) NOTE: If the monitor is connected to the DisplayPort on the Intel HD graphics card or the optional module, then a warning message Unsupported Video Configuration Detected is displayed.	

(i) NOTE:

- All displays must be connected to DisplayPort from Intel HD Graphics/optional module or Mini DisplayPort from NVIDIA graphics card.
- Display will output from NVIDIA graphics card by default if monitors are connected to both Intel HD Graphics/optional module and NVIDIA graphics card.

Graphics card resolution and connectors

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This section provides information about the graphics card resolution and connectors.

Resolution	Intel HD Graphics	Optional module	NVIDIA P400	NVIDIA P620	NVIDIA P1000	NVIDIA RTX3000
800 × 600	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash
1024 x 768	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash
1152 x 864	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash
1176 x 664	×	×	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash
1280 x 720	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash
1280 x 768	\oslash	\oslash	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\oslash
1280 x 800	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash
1280 x 960	\oslash	\oslash	×	×	\bigotimes	×
1280 x 1024	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash
1360 x 768	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash
1366 x 768	\oslash	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash
1400 x 1050	\oslash	\oslash	\mathbf{x}	\mathbf{x}	\otimes	×
1440 x 900	\oslash	\oslash	\mathbf{x}	\mathbf{x}	\mathbf{x}	×

Table 4. Graphics card resolution and connectors

Resolution	Intel HD Graphics	Optional module	NVIDIA P400	NVIDIA P620	NVIDIA P1000	NVIDIA RTX3000
1600 x 1200	\bigcirc	\odot	\odot	\odot	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
1680 x 1050	\odot	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\bigotimes	\oslash
1768 x 992	\mathbf{x}	×	\oslash	\oslash	\odot	\bigotimes
1920 x 1080	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash	\odot	\bigotimes
1920 x 1200	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash	\odot	\bigotimes
1920 x 1440	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash	\odot	\bigotimes
2048 x 1152	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash	\odot	\bigotimes
2048 x 1536	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash	\odot	\bigotimes
2560 x 1440	\odot	\odot	\oslash	\oslash	\odot	\bigotimes
2560 x 1600	\oslash	\odot	\oslash	\oslash	\oslash	\oslash
3840 x 2160	\oslash	\odot	\oslash	\oslash	\oslash	\oslash
Connector type	2 DisplayPorts	DisplayPort/ HDMI/Type C	3 Mini DisplayPorts	4 Mini DisplayPorts	4 Mini DisplayPorts	4 Mini DisplayPorts

Table 4. Graphics card resolution and connectors (continued)

(i) **NOTE:** Some of the resolution may not be supported by your monitor. Refer your monitor's users guide for the supported resolution.

Getting help and contacting Dell

Self-help resources

You can get information and help on Dell products and services using these self-help resources:

Table 5. Self-help resources

Self-help resources	Resource location		
Information about Dell products and services	www.dell.com		
Tips	·••		
Contact Support	In Windows search, type Contact Support, and press Enter.		
Online help for operating system	www.dell.com/support/windows www.dell.com/support/linux		
Troubleshooting information, user manuals, setup instructions, product specifications, technical help blogs, drivers, software updates, and so on.	www.dell.com/support		
Dell knowledge base articles for a variety of computer concerns.	 Go to https://www.dell.com/support/home/? app=knowledgebase. Type the subject or keyword in the Search box. Click Search to retrieve the related articles. 		

Contacting Dell

To contact Dell for sales, technical support, or customer service issues, see www.dell.com/contactdell.

(i) NOTE: Availability varies by country and product, and some services may not be available in your country.

() NOTE: If you do not have an active internet connection, you can find contact information on your purchase invoice, packing slip, bill, or Dell product catalog.