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Symptom: "My screen does weird things when I plug in my projector/SmartBoard."  
Cure: Adjusting your Display Preferences.

If your computer screen appears differently upon startup, you may have the following issues:

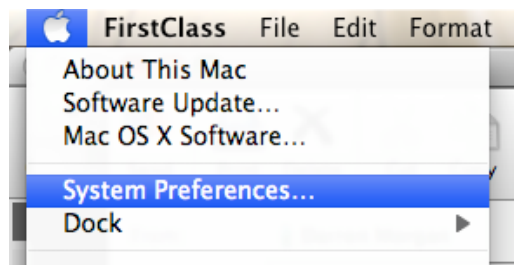
1. Your screen resolution may be set to an unpleasing proportion.
2. Your display may be set for 2 separate screens.



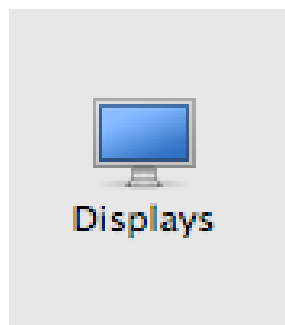
Step 1: Go to the Apple.



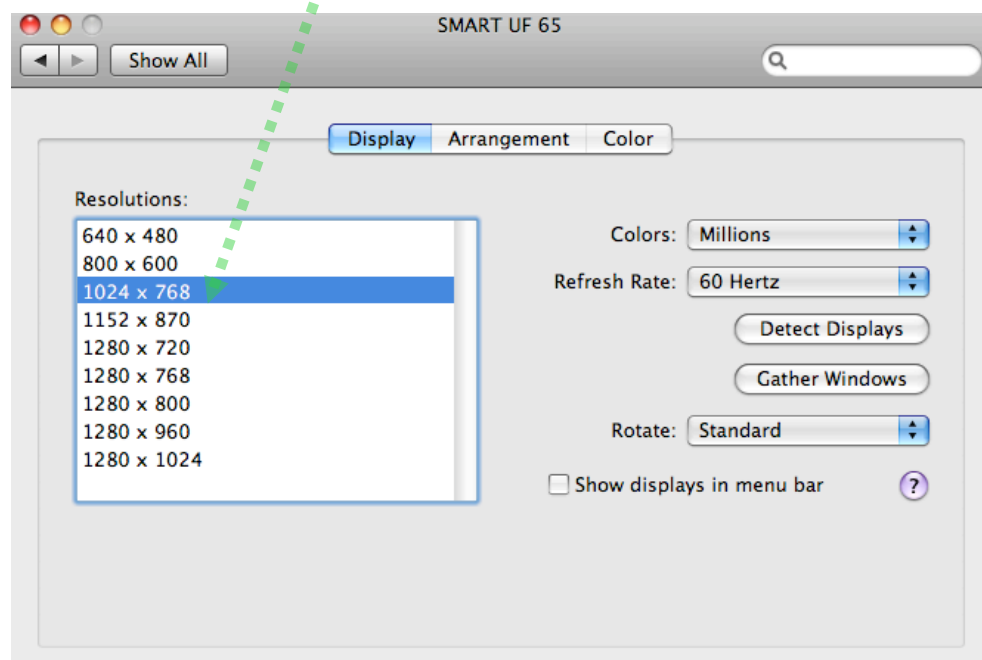
Step 2: Select "System Preferences."



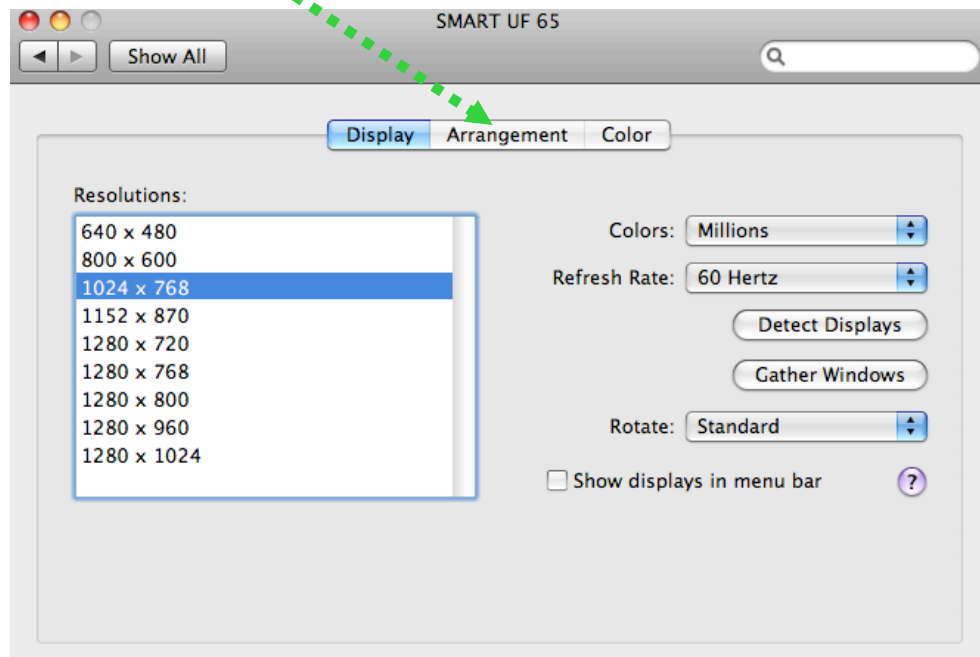
Step 3: Select "Displays."



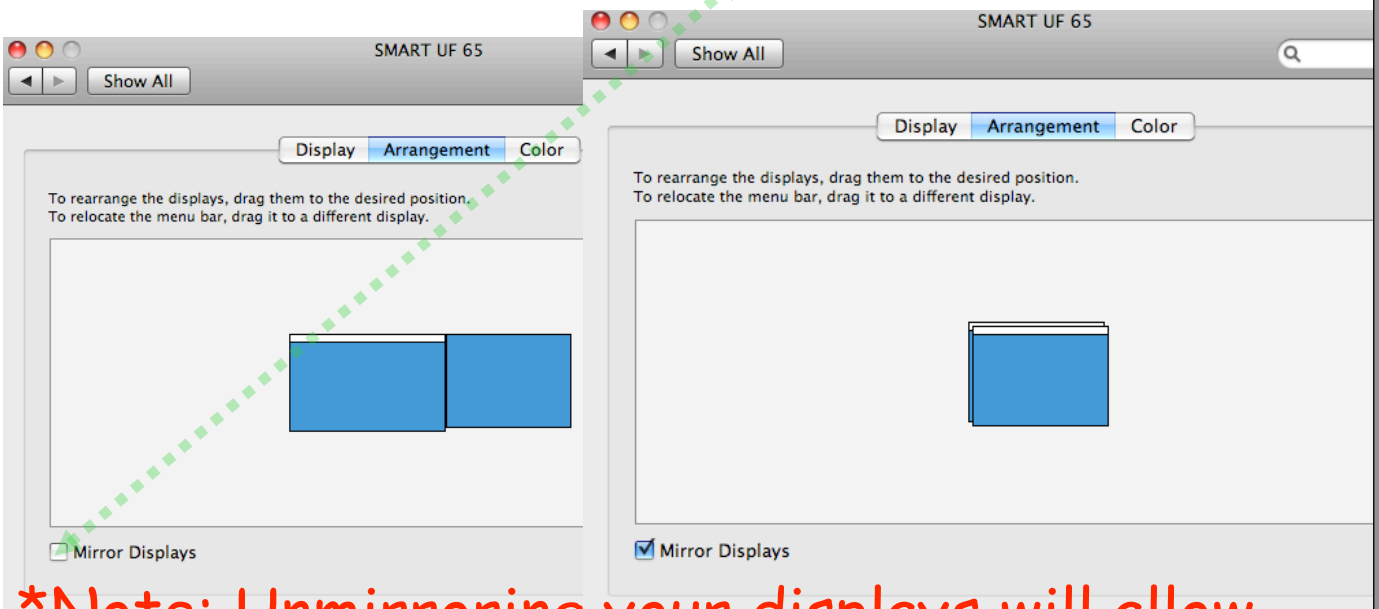
Step 4: If your screen changes drastically when you plug in your SmartBoard/Projector, then you need to adjust the resolution. I recommend 1024x768 (if you don't like this issue).



Step 5: If your SmartBoard/Projector is not displaying what is on your screen, then select "Arrangement." (\*Note: you need to be plugged in to your SmartBoard/Projector)



Step 6: If you want your SmartBoard/Projector to display what you see on your computer screen, then select "Mirror Displays."

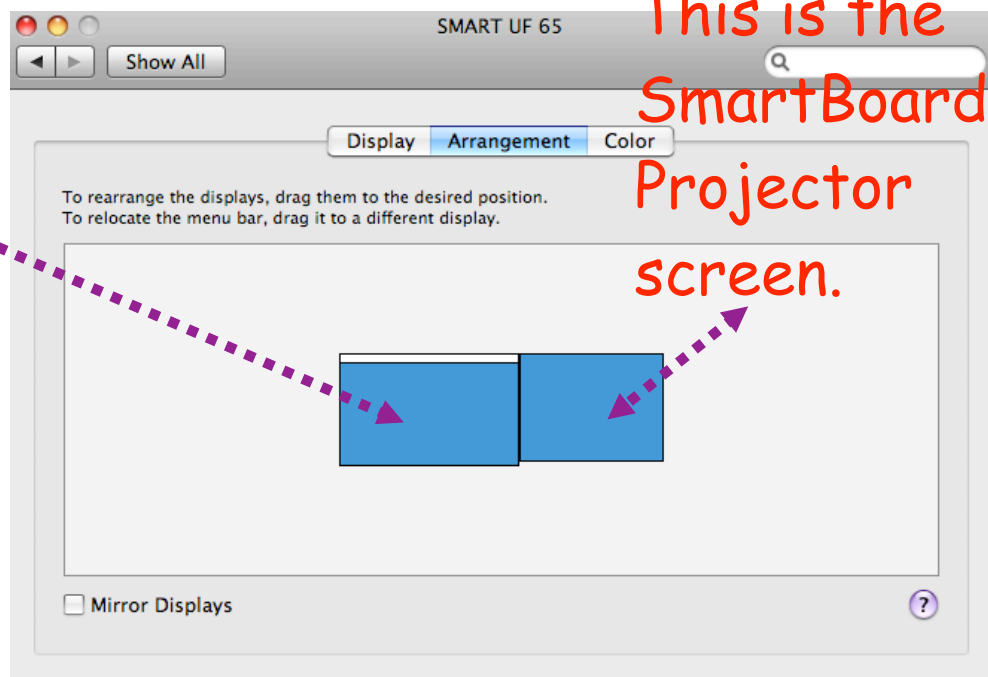


\*Note: Unmirroring your displays will allow you to have 2 different screens...if intrigued, then move on.

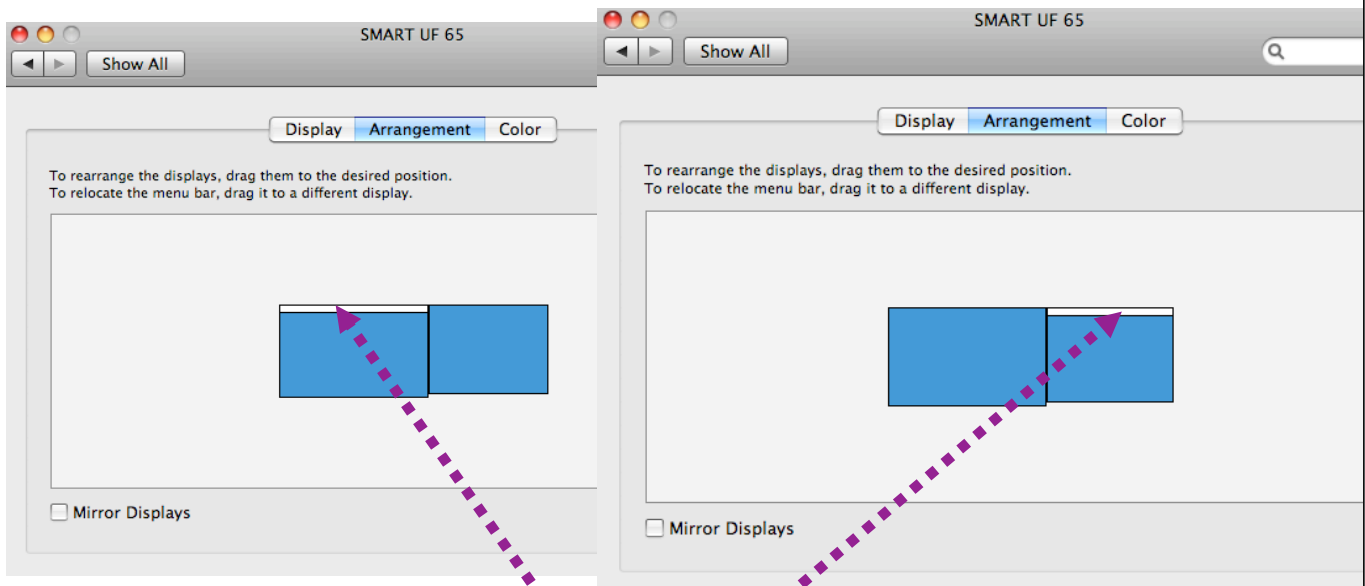
Step 7: Maybe you see the value in having 2 screens. For example, you might want to display something on the SmartBoard/Projector for kids while you continue to work on your computer screen.

This is your computer.

This is the SmartBoard/Projector screen.



Step 7: You can change which display is your primary screen, which means your dock will appear on that (primary) display.



The white bar indicates which screen is your primary display.