# Adaptive Computing Lab

# Visual Assist Tips

**These tips are based on Windows XP.**
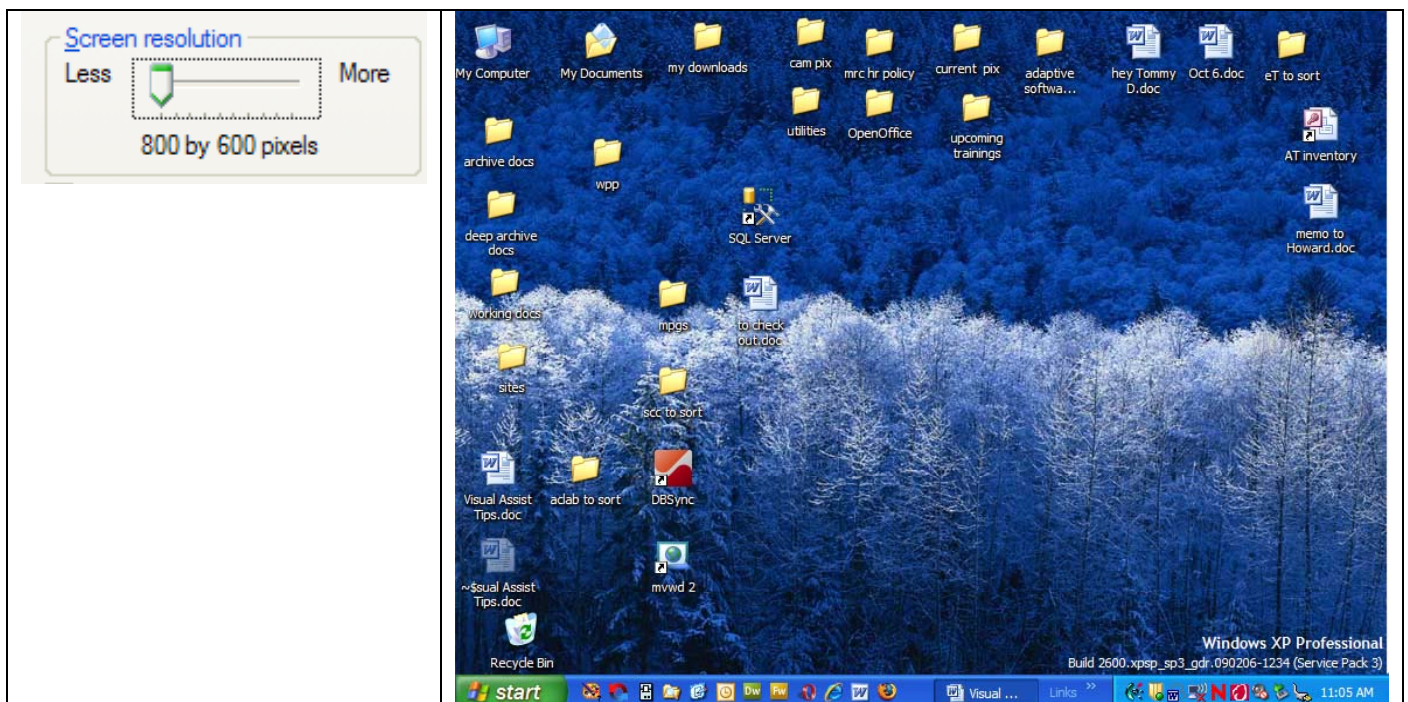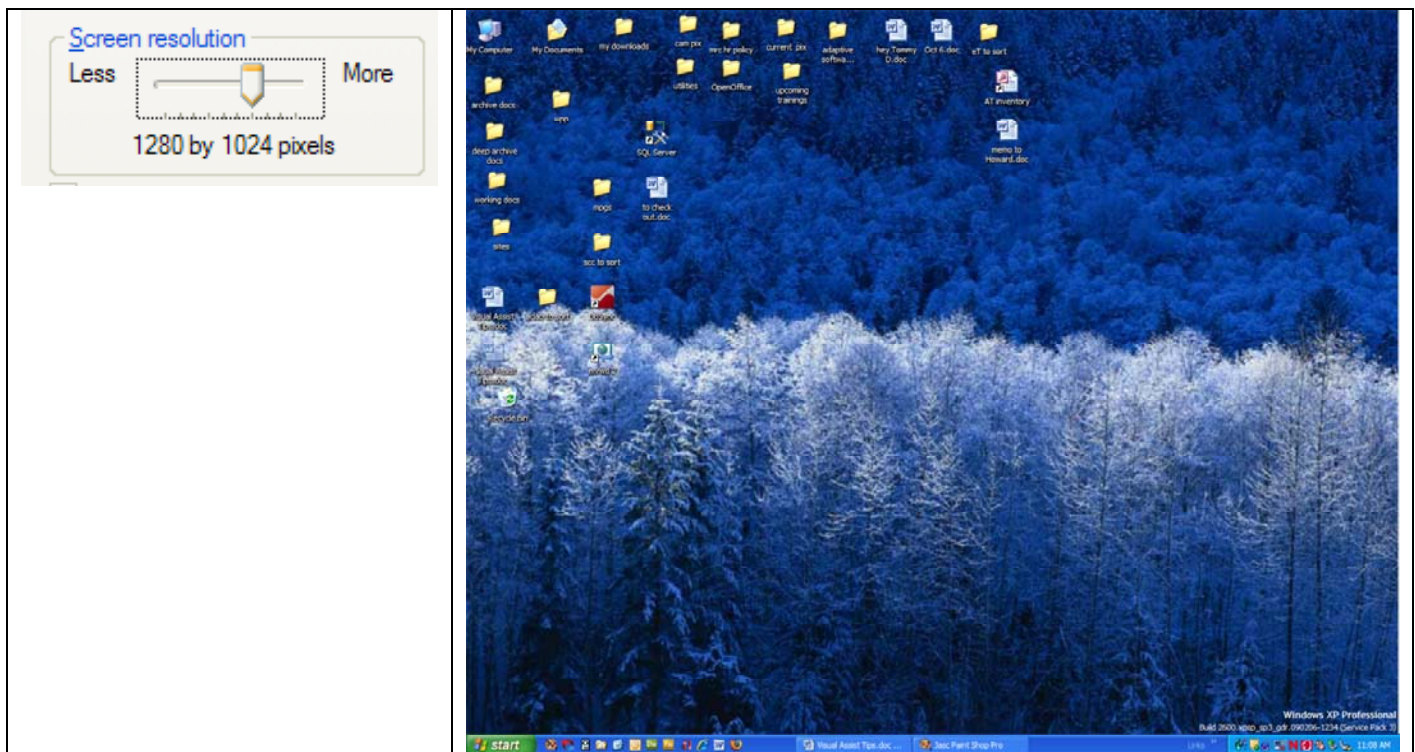
## Tip # 1

**Enhance the cursor size and color. Instructions are available in the Windows XP Mouse Settings information sheets.**

## Tip # 2

**Consider changing the screen resolution of your desktop.**
**Right Click on the Desktop > Properties > Settings tab >Screen Resolution.**

**There is a sliding bar that changes the resolution.  The number of options that you have will be different in each computer based on the video card capabilities and the monitor capabilities.  Slide the bar to the left to make object on the screen appear larger…the lower the number, the bigger things look on your monitor screen.  For example, 800 x 600 will appear larger than 1220 x 1024.**

# Tip # 3

**You could use the built in magnifier in Windows XP but I do not care for it and I do not recommend it.**

# Tip # 4

**If your vision deteriorates the best screen magnifier is ZoomText and one version of the program also reads the screen to you. See my www.assisttech.info site for more information on Screen Magnifiers and Screen Readers.**

# Tip # 5

**An inexpensive free magnifier is Virtual Magnifier, available for download from**

**http://magnifier.sourceforge.net/**

# Tip # 6

**In Internet Browsers and in Word, if you hold the Control Key down and move the scroll on the mouse you can enlarge the text or decrease the text size.**