How to Use Your Mac Laptop With a Projector!

Apple Laptops Today Use one of Two Different Style Connectors on their Laptop. What is pictured here is a DVI connector with the Apple supplied VGA adapter cable.

DVI Connector on Laptop

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VGA Cable from Projector

Apple Supplied VGA to DVI Cable

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START BY GOING TO THE APPLE MENU AND SELECTING SYSTEM PREFERENCES

SELECT THE DISPLAY CONTROL PANEL
Before Proceeding Any Further Ensure that the Projector is On

This will tell your Mac to look for a new display, but there is a better way to do this.

The Display Preferences panel is where you choose your monitor’s resolution, and to detect new displays that have been connected to the computer.

This will put a monitor selector on your menu bar, which is very handy for those that present often.

Select Show Displays in Menu Bar and close Display Preferences.
You will have a new monitor icon in your menu bar.

Detect Displays will make your Mac sense a new monitor.

Mirroring tells the Mac to display the same desktop on both monitors. You normally want to leave this on.

The Mac will normally select the highest resolution that the projector can support, but you can manually change it.

You should be seeing your Mac's desktop on the projector!