

A SMART LCD

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I was recording a mathematics lesson recently with a digital video camera which I had placed on a shelf right at the back of the classroom. To see what the camera was recording, I had to flip its LCD screen through a half turn and view it from in front of the camera. To my surprise, and initial dismay, I noticed that the screen was showing a mirror image of the classroom – though thankfully it turned out that the recorded image was the right way round.

Thus (on this camera, at least), the LCD screen acts rather like a window when in the conventional position but like a mirror when flipped over (see below). This seems odd at first, but actually makes the camera easier to use. Perhaps readers can work out why.

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