
Subject: Re: More on IDL and MacX
Posted by [tonym](#) on Fri, 20 May 1994 23:42:39 GMT
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In Article <bowman-200594122720@bowman.tamu.edu>, bowman@csrp.tamu.edu (Kenneth P. Bowman) wrote:

>
> You're not the only one having problems with IDL and MacX. If I can
> successfully get an IDL session started under MacX, it will continue to
> work. Unfortunately, it usually takes me several tries through the
> following procedure:
>
> 1. Start VersaTerm Pro
> 2. Start MacX
> 3. Start IDL from VT Pro
> 4. Try to open X-window from IDL
> 5. Did it work?
> Yes --> Don't quit IDL!
> No --> Quit MacX. Goto 2.
>
> When it fails to open an X-window, it kill all my other X clients as well.
> When it fails it generates:
>
> csrp>idl
> IDL. Version 3.5.1 (AIX ibmr2).
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> All rights reserved. Unauthorized reproduction prohibited.
> Installation number: 4229.
> Licensed for use by: Climate System Research Program, Texas A & M
> University
>
> IDL> help, /device
> Available graphics_devices: CGM HP LJ NULL PCL PS REGIS TEK X Z
> Current graphics device: X
> XIO: fatal IO error 73 (Connection reset by peer) on X server
> "bowman.tamu.edu:
> 0.0"
> after 111 requests (107 known processed) with 7 events remaining.
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>
> I have reported this to RSI (some time ago), but have gotten no response.
> It may be a MacX problem. I am considering going back to MacX 1.1.7, if I
> can find a copy.
>
I would be surprised if 1.1.7 works better, but maybe.

It seems as if there is a consensus out there: don't quit IDL!
We recently "discovered" the idea of using VersaTerm Pro as

the command line interface. We will try top get more experience with this.

My impression that not quitting IDL is no guarantee of "crash-free" sessions, but we'll check that out more...

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