
Subject: Re: Obscure IDL / sawfish window manager interactions
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> This is an interesting one. I'm running IDL 5.4 on a RedHat6.2
> machine with XFree v4.0.2, and the latest Helix-Gnome with the sawfish
> window manager.

I'm running XFree v4.0.1a, Redhat 7.0, Default install gnome & sawfish,
and IDL 5.3.

> When ever I put up an IDL draw window, I cannot focus it or move it.
> The only thing I can do is to `shade' it (i.e. hide all but the title
> bar) using the gnome toolbar. Once I've done that I can unshade it and
> move it, until I write to it (e.g. am IDL plot command) from which point
> it's stuck again!

Go to your sawfish configurator (i access mine from inside the Gnome
Control Center). I'm going to tell you what options i have set for my
"focus" properties. I will list variable-names rather than the textual
descriptions.

To see all the options & the variable names:

Meta -> Expert

Miscellaneous -> Show Variable Names of Each Customization Option

now my focus configuration:

Focus ->ignore-window-input-hint

focus-click-through

focus-windows-when-mapped

transients-get-focus

The different window types & relationships between a program (IDL) and the
windows it spawns (dialogs, transients, options, etc...) is what I think
has caused your problem.

Hope this helps,
-ken.
