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Subject: Re: Another VM conundrum  
Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 12 Dec 2003 17:21:00 GMT  
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David Fanning wrote:

> Ben Tupper writes:

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snip

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>> I noticed that the terminal session I used changed from tcsh to idl and  
>> the the x11 terminal shows two windows: an xTerm (which I have to have  
>> up and ruu=ning but don't use for the idl command prompt) and viola!  
>> Test\_VM. So, unlike Windows, you can track down the the widget even  
>> when it's hiding.

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> Well, this is not exactly testing the functionality that  
> I was talking about. Here is a modification that does.  
> Here is what you want to do.

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> 1. Maximize your IDLDE window.

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> 2. Type "TEST\_VM". The application appears on the display,  
> and, yes, it has it's own application icon on the task  
> bar at the bottom.

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> 3. Click the "Test It" button. A TextBox dialog appears.  
> Before you type text into this dialog, click in your  
> IDLDE window. Whoops! The dialog disappears behind the  
> IDLDE window and it is going to be \*hard\* to find!  
> You should be able to get the Test\_VM application  
> back in front of the IDLDE, but you won't be able  
> to \*do\* anything with it until you find that damn  
> modal dialog!

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Ok! I'm with you now. The textbox window was buried as you describe.

On a different note, I have to mention that I seriously doubt that  
anyone using IDL on MacOSX is using IDLDE. Even cutting and pasting  
is badly disabled in the editor window.

Ben

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