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Subject: "on -i" hangs when exiting idl  
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[idl version 2 on sun4-280/sunos 4.1.1 ]

My group has a network consisting of many sun-3's and a few sun-4's. IDL is installed on one of the sun-4's, which has been designated as a "compute server" until we've all got sparc's on our desks (I'm not holding my breath :) Anyway, the way I use IDL with this setup is:

(from ~/.cshrc)

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alias idl ' if ($DISPLAY =~ :*) setenv DISPLAY `hostname`$DISPLAY && on -i  
ceres $IDL_DIR/bin/idl '
```

("ceres" is the server...I setenv IDL\_DIR in my .login)

This usually works fine. However, sometimes after I exit IDL the "on -i" gets hung up. I've watched the rpc.rexd process (on ceres) as I enter and exit IDL; it always goes away, but I don't regain control of my xterm until I "kill -9" on my machine. The worst thing is, it's intermittent. Anybody else have this problem, or a potential fix?

Thanks in advance - if posting a reply, please email me a copy, as the newsfeed is erratic lately.

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