
Subject: Re: X11 macOSX woes
Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 28 May 2004 13:58:39 GMT
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Thanks All,

Ken:

> It hasn't happened enough to see any patterns. Have you looked in
> /cores to see if it left a core dump? Apple might be interested.
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There doesn't seem to be anything (zip, zilch, zero, nada) in /cores,
but I was glad to know where to look.

M Katz:

> Might you be trying to plot or draw into this window after it has been
> closed? You didn't say what kind of an X11 window it is. I imagine
> with window with your IDL session is open, or else how could you read
> the error message?

Actually, my command line is the "Terminal" application that you find in
/Applications/Utilities. As long as X11 is up-and-running you can use
the Terminal app which is much better for cur/paste/scroll etc. In this
case, X11 can quit while Terminal continues running.

I'm not trying to draw to unrealized windows or anything fancy - and I
am using some of the same DG graphics I have been using for years (gad!,
Have I been around that long?)

Karl:

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>>> { ppc darwin unix Mac OS X 6.0.3 Feb 26 2004    32    32}
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>> We've *recently* seen this sort of problem here at RSI as well, but it
>> involves iconifying or de-iconifying windows. For example, if you create
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> an
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>> IDLgrWindow, iconify it, and then destroy it, the X server will sometimes
>> hang or crash. It seems that if you iconify or de-iconify the window and
>> then destroy it very soon after that, the problem occurs more frequently
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>> Your problem and the other discussions in the thread aren't exactly this
>> same as this, but there was enough similarity to mention it.
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>> I'm planning on filing a problem report with Apple. An X client shouldn't
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>> be able to make the X server crash, no matter what the client does.

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> One thing I just thought of that might be worth doing is to try using
> another window manager. A window manager is just another client, but I have
> to believe that the default window manager is "wired into" the system quite
> a bit more tightly. Another simpler wm like twm might be worth trying. I
> haven't tried switching the window manager (yet), but I would think that
> there are some pretty simple instructions on the net someplace.
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I can try this approach, but we are using IDLVM pretty heavily and this
may feel cumbersome for some of our already vexed Mac users.

Is vtwm the same as twm?

Thanks for the feedback.

Ben
