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Subject: Re: X11 macOSX woes  
Posted by [Karl Schultz](#) on Thu, 27 May 2004 20:40:44 GMT  
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"Karl Schultz" <[kschultz\\_no\\_spam@rsinc.com](mailto:kschultz_no_spam@rsinc.com)> wrote in message  
news:10bcgrvjms5l38a@corp.supernews.com...

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> "Ben Tupper" <[btupper@bigelow.org](mailto:btupper@bigelow.org)> wrote in message  
> news:2hkbu8Fd6o4jU1@uni-berlin.de...  
>> Hello All,  
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>> I have been bumping into a real pain in the neck. It is a recent  
>> occurance, but I can't pinpoint a cause/effect sequence of events.  
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>> The trouble is that \*sometimes\*, when the \*last\* open X11 window is  
>> closed, X11 crashes and IDL outputs...  
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>> IDL> X connection to :0.0 broken (explicit kill or server shutdown).  
>>  
>> before IDL quits. Closing the window can be a manual close (click on  
>> the button) or a programmatic one (WDELETE).  
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>> Has anyone bumped into this problem, too? How would I chase down where  
>> the problem lies.  
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>> Thanks,  
>> Ben  
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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  
> an  
> 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  
> 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.

Trying another wm is just a temporary experiment, to see if the default wm is part of the problem. If the change helps, it could be a workaround until the server is fixed, if there is a server problem. I'm thinking that the default window manager is so tightly integrated with the desktop that some complication is causing the problem. A simpler, less integrated wm may not have these complications. Just a guess.

Karl

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