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Subject: Re: IDL without X on Linux

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 03 Mar 2005 14:32:24 GMT

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Benjamin Hornberger writes:

> can I start IDL on Linux without an X server available? I frequently run  
> IDL on a Linux machine remotely, logged on from a Windows machine. If  
> the Windows machine doesn't run an X server at that moment, IDL won't  
> start ("X connection to localhost:11.0 broken (explicit kill or server  
> shutdown)").  
>  
> I know I somehow can run (non-interactive) IDL programs from a cronjob,  
> as long as they don't involve windows.  
>  
> I found the section "Command Line Options for IDL Startup" in the help  
> file, but it doesn't mention anything :-{.

Have you tried setting the graphics output device to NULL?

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Set_Plot, 'NULL'
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Cheers,

David

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