
Subject: Re: CURSOR problems

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I don't have any ideas on your xterm configuration, but as a Solaris user just moving to OS-X I do have a suggestion about xterms: leave them behind! As long as \$DISPLAY is set correctly you can start X11 programs from a shell running in any terminal application.

Terminal.app (from Apple) is better than xterm, and iTerm is even better than Terminal.app. You'll be able to use much better fonts than I could ever get in xterm (on OS-X), multiple ("tabbed") shells, full integration with other OS-X applications (e.g. drag a file from Finder and the file's path is printed in the shell), standard OS-X keyboard shortcuts, configurable menus (e.g. to ssh to favorite other machines), middle mouse paste, focus-follows-mouse, etc. Here's some code I found to put in .cshrc to set \$DISPLAY in all shells:

```
# Set DISPLAY so that Carbon terminals can run X
applications.
# This only works if an X server is running; it's a
good idea to start
# an X server at login via System
Preferences->Accounts->Login Items.
# Figure the correct value for DISPLAY from the lock
files /tmp/.X?-lock
if ($?DISPLAY == 0) then
  foreach x (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 )
    if ( -o /tmp/.X$x-lock ) then
      setenv DISPLAY :${x}.0
      break
    endif
  end
endif
```

I choose to start the X11 server automatically at login.

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