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Subject: Re: i386 v6.3 MacOSX: cursor.pro not responding to mouse button even  
Posted by [rclark](#) on Mon, 23 Jul 2007 18:56:40 GMT

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Recently sebinjapan <[smasson@lodyc.jussieu.fr](mailto:smasson@lodyc.jussieu.fr)> wrote:

> see

> [http://www.dfanning.com/misc\\_tips/remotecursor.html](http://www.dfanning.com/misc_tips/remotecursor.html)

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Yes, the lost clicks.

I use a linux workstation and have encountered a problem very similar to that described in this article.

Using direct graphics, select a rectangular area of interest on the image... (sounds like everyone has written it at one time or another)... wrote it for solaris years ago, still works fine. But it wouldn't work on my linux system. But it also worked fine on other linux systems around here. Only problems were for \*my\* system! Other mousey clicky type stuff on my system worked just fine too. Only IDL was having a problem. (Still don't know why the problem was limited to IDL).

Our systems use pc type mice. The wheel does double duty, giving both the windows type wheel function and the unix third button. Have to be very careful the finger doesn't slip with this setup!

Anyway, there was no response for pressing any of the 3 buttons. Except occasionally there was a response for button 2-- the wheel. You guessed it, the button presses were being swallowed up somewhere but CURSOR was receiving the signal for the wheel when my finger slipped!

I never figured out the exact cause for this, though I suspect it was caused when I had modified my KDE desktop settings for WINDOW BEHAVIOR and 'PREVENT FOCUS STEALING' (or something like that) because of some problems with another application.

The folks at RSI didn't have any useful suggestions. Nobody around here in the department really knows much about X11/Motif programming or setup. Web searches didn't turn up anything. The fix that finally got it was the rather draconian aproach of recreating a totally new desktop from scratch:-)

Well, I had explicitly included 'linux' in my searches so I didn't come across David's Mac article till later. That's when the light went off and I connected my problem with FOCUS STEALING setting. Although I've never actually verified that that was it. It's not really a problem I'm anxious to reproduce.

Maybe David can add a footnote to his article about the Mac mouse problem that it can also occur with linux.

Richard Clark

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