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Subject: Re: Remotely running IDL on a Mac using X11  
Posted by [karo03de](#) on Sun, 21 Dec 2008 00:18:46 GMT  
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On 18 Dez., 22:26, "pfo...@bcm.tmc.edu" <pf...@bcm.tmc.edu> wrote:  
> On Dec 18, 8:20 am, Karsten <karo0...@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>  
>> You will not be able to run the GUI, which is displayed under Apple Window  
>> system. That is only with ScreenSharing possible.  
>> However the terminal version will work. Type idl and ...  
>> Regards  
>> Karsten  
>  
>> Am Wed, 17 Dec 2008 03:57:34 +0100 schrieb pfo...@bcm.tmc.edu  
>> <pf...@bcm.tmc.edu>:  
>  
>>> Greetings,  
>  
>>> I am (occasionally) using IDL on a MacOS X 10.5.6, and I want to set  
>>> it up so a person I am collaborating with can access my Mac, which is  
>>> considerably more powerful than his PC laptop. I believe I have solved  
>>> the issues with port forwarding through my firewall/vpn box and  
>>> getting the Mac configured to accept the ssh -X logins.  
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>>> Not being a unix person, I am now at a point where I can open a remote  
>>> (severe) X11 shell and enter CLI commands, but I don't know how to  
>>> open/run IDL from the X11 shell and see the GUI. Some of this may be  
>>> due to paths being needed to be set.  
>  
>>> I would greatly appreciate advice on how to get this functioning. It  
>>> is probably simple once I know.  
>  
>>> Thanks  
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>>> Patrick Ford, M.D.  
>>> Pfo...@bcm.tmc.edu  
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>> --  
>> Erstellt mit Operas revolutionärem E-Mail-Modul:<http://www.opera.com/m2/>  
>  
> Are you saying that no graphic display at all or no Mac OS X GUI? What  
> I was aiming for is the Xwindows(X11) display that I see on my Mac  
> with its Xwindows interface on a remote pc. Years ago, I had to work  
> with a similar set up using SUN workstations. I am not particularly  
> interested having the Mac experience remotely, but it really won't be  
> much use to run IDL in a CLI if the windows created by the IDL app are

> not seen. The screen sharing solution using VNC while workable is not  
> ideal since there are times I would like to be logged on and he may  
> want to log on remotely on his account. Unless we are both working on  
> the same thing, it just becomes a mess. Been there - done that when an  
> administrator decides to do something on the pc I am trying to do work  
> on - neither one gets anything done.

>  
> Regards,  
>  
> PF

Everything should be clear now:

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ssh -Y user@host
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idl
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tvscldist(128)
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should bring up the X window at least on a client with installed X11  
and access restrictions solved. This is typically the case with Unixes  
and MacOSX 10.5.5 and above.

But which X window system is installed on the PC windows machine? You  
will need a running X windows system on the PC client! I have some  
time ago tried cygwin+X11, which is some sort of unix emulation on  
Windows. However, that needs some unix knowledge!

Regards  
Karsten

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