
Subject: Re: IDL from home, via modem

Posted by [g.d.nowicki](#) on Thu, 11 Jul 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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In article <4s1k7e\$86d@newsbf02.news.aol.com>, metas@aol.com says...

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> Hi IDL fans:

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> There must be others of you who sometimes need to work on IDL

> remotely from home, via modem. I'd like to tap into the current

> wisdom on the best way to handle this. I'm considering here

> working with datasets that are quite large, so transferring them

> and running IDL on my home computer wouldn't be feasible.

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> I currently have a classic Mac and use a tek4105 terminal emulator,

Ooohhh... Upgrade time. ;-)

> and display graphics using device 'tek'. This is OK (especially

> considering I have a small screen and B/W only, anyway). I was

> wondering what other options there would be, and also what works best for

> the Windows PC users among you. Tektronix emulation?

> X Windows? Linux/X Windows? Are there other devices besides

> 'X' and 'tek' which I could use to display on a PC or Mac?

I run from home over a 28.8 modem link, used to be 14.4 - using a 486/66 running Linux, v1.3.99 - I think. (I upgrade so often, I sometimes forget).

Xwindows is slow, but not painful as it was using 14.4 I am soon to

upgrade to ISDN. Unfortunately, the ISDN link will be to a network

provider, not to my worksite. So network delays will rear their ugly heads

and I don't think I'll see the full effect of the ISDN speed.

Probably the worst thing I found you could do was run a web browser on a

server with the redirect to your home screen. It stunk compared to

running a local copy. Linux is great, but if you're a first timer, I

suggest something like the Red Hat or Caldera distributions. They will

get you up and running pretty fast. Also, there is a version of IDL

for Linux that is pretty robust.

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> I apologize if this post is somewhat off topic - I will summarize

> e-mail responses I receive if there is interest. Thanks.

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Good luck,

-Greg
