
Subject: Re: IDL 6.4.1 and X Windows with OS X 10.5.7 and ssh
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Quoth cakswenson@gmail.com:

> Like I said, I have XQuartz installed, I just didn't know if it could
> coexist with the original Apple X11.....For the record, IDL is using
> XQuartz (the XQuartz icon pops up when I use IDL when physically sitting
> at the computer) and I have the most recent version installed (installed
> after the update to 10.5.7). I guess something could have been reset or
> modified during that update, maybe it isn't the apple update but rather
> the XQuartz update causing the problems. Obviously X11 forwarding is
> still allowed otherwise I couldn't run xterm or xclock. Could IDL be
> looking in the wrong place for X and that's why I can open X windows
> from the terminal but not from inside IDL? I'm relatively new to IDL
> (only been using it for a couple of months) so I'm not sure how to
> investigate IDL specific problems.

XQuartz must be reinstalled after every OSX system update. It does not coexist, but replaces the official release. Also, the official X11 release with OSX will overwrite any changes made by installing XQuartz.

The official OSX release of X11 occasionally picks up changes from the XQuartz project, but on a slower timeline...so an OSX system update will sometimes *downgrade* your X11 system.

cheers
chris
