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Subject: Re: IDL without X11?

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Sun, 07 Feb 2010 20:33:55 GMT

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In article

<de638b67-12b8-40f3-83a5-6ac5b27f15d0@q2g2000pre.googlegroups.com>,

TonyL <anthony.leggett@bigpond.com> wrote:

> I use a cron job running on a Linux system that uses the Z-buffer for  
> all graphics. That way you avoid any need to define a graphics device  
> that has some kind of 'physical' existence. Z buffer uses system  
> memory. Of course you will need to change a few commands with the Z  
> buffer compared to a window device. I have use Xvfb before but i found  
> it was a hassle if the PC was ever restarted and the Xvfb wasn't auto  
> started.  
>  
> Tony

This is a good suggestion, particularly now that the Z-buffer supports 24-bit color. Downsides are that you have to use TrueType fonts (some may disagree that that is a downside), and, of course, widgets don't work.

Ken

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