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Subject: Re: "On UNIX systems, the IDL\_IDLBridge requires that the DISPLAY environment variable be set to a valid X Windows display. If no display is available, execution of the IDL\_IDLBridge will halt" Why?

Posted by [Bruce Bowler](#) on Tue, 06 Apr 2010 17:34:52 GMT

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On Tue, 06 Apr 2010 06:55:00 -0700, sajan\_unb wrote:

> Hello All,  
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> I have just started using IDL\_IDLbridge for analysing my data. It really  
> speeds up things..X7 times for me...now I wanted to run the program  
> which has IDL bridges on a UNIX based cluster.  
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> Thats when I am facing this problem. IDL\_IDLBridge needs a X window  
> connection ,which we cannot have when using the cluster unless we start  
> an interactive job. Doing that, hinders our chances to make the analysis  
> much faster.  
>  
> So I was just wondering why IDL\_IDLbridge need a X window.... or is  
> there a method through which we can bypass this operation. any ideas?  
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> Thank You  
> Sajan

You might want to take a look at Xvfb. It provides a "virtual" display, eliminating the need for any sort of "interactive" login.

Bruce

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