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Subject: invalid screen number error

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I upgraded from Ubuntu 9.04 to 10.04 LTS this week. When I try to launch ENVI or anything graphical in IDL, I get the error:

% DEVICE: Invalid screen number on display string

% DEVICE: Unable to open X Windows display.

Is your DISPLAY environment variable set correctly?

A quick check shows:

```
DISPLAY=:ffff:10.60.1.43:1.0
```

If I do:

```
export DISPLAY=10.60.1.43:1.0
```

then everything is fine. I realise this isn't really an IDL problem, but this is the only program that seems to be affected by this. Where does the ::ffff: come from and why is it only a problem for IDL? i never encountered this before upgrading Ubuntu.

John

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