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Subject: Re: IDL runtime and X window

Posted by [Deckard++](#); on Thu, 21 Jul 2011 16:18:20 GMT

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On 20 juil, 22:59, Michael Galloy <mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 7/20/11 3:36 PM, Deckard++; wrote:

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>> I have created a runtime application that is intended to run some  
>> simulation code on one of our lab servers. The lab only has a runtime  
>> license for this server, which means that I have no way to run this  
>> code from the IDL prompt. I have created my runtime application, saved  
>> it in a .sav file and tested it like this:

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>> idl -rt=myapp.sav

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>> It works fine on my development machine, but when I transfer it our  
>> the lab server and executes the same command, it starts IDL and then  
>> opens a window with the text "IDL Virtual Machine. Distribution  
>> platform to run IDL applications. Upgrade to a development license of  
>> IDL." and the IDL logo, and you have to click a button called "Click  
>> to continue" to actually run your code!

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>> The big problem here is that my code has to run for ~2 weeks, and I  
>> have to run it in a detached/background process. If I launch IDL in  
>> the background (followed by&) and then close the ssh connection to  
>> the server, it will terminate idl because the X window link is broken:

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>> X connection to localhost:10.0 broken (explicit kill or server  
>> shutdown).

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>> And if I don't forward the display over ssh, IDL will display the  
>> following error and quit without executing the code:

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>> % Unable to connect to X Windows display: :0.0

>> % Unable to open X Windows display.

>> Is your DISPLAY environment variable set correctly?

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>> This is crazy because this window is totally useless and my code has  
>> no need for X window display. Can you help me? Do you know how to  
>> avoid having this window?

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> I don't believe the lab server is seeing your runtime license. When I do  
> "idl -rt=myapp.sav", I don't get a window popping up, but if I do "idl  
> -vm=myapp.sav" I do get a window. IDL will default to using the Virtual

> Machine (and it's window is the price you pay for using the VM) if you  
> don't have a license.  
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> Mike  
> --  
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Thank you Mike. Now that you mention it it's obviously a license problem. I will check with out sysadmin.

Cheers,

-- Arthur;

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