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Subject: Re: WIDGET\_BASE: Unable to connect to X Windows display: :0.0

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On 12/01/12 17:53, Chao Luo wrote:

> Hi guys,  
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> I'm trying to run a program in a remote machine. I logon to remote  
> machine (LINUX cluster) from my home desktop. The problem I've got is:  
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> WIDGET\_BASE: Unable to connect to X Windows display: :0.0  
> WIDGET\_BASE: Unable to establish X Connection.  
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> I tried somethings like: ssh -X or set DISPLAY, but still same  
> problem.

There is something wrong with your sshd server on the remote machine. If DISPLAY is set to :0.0 then it is not performing X11 forwarding. That setting is trying to display on the main console of the host you are logged into. Given it's a node on a cluster it probably doesn't have one, and even if it did you wouldn't be able to access it.

When X11 forwarding is working, DISPLAY will be set to something like localhost:11.0.

See the administrator of that machine and ask them to ensure that sshd is configured correctly.

Also, it is more common to require -Y rather than -X these days.

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> My question is how to get rid of this problem, or turn off X windows  
> in IDL scripts.  
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You can just unset DISPLAY to get rid of the error message. But that won't help you if your script uses things like WIDGET\_BASE...

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