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Subject: IDL 8 Graphics without X-Windows

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Hello everyone,

I was wondering if anyone out there knew if it was possible to use the new `map()` graphics routine without x-windows. I have tried using `/buffer`, but it still complains that I did not use the `-X` when I ssh'ed into the server.

And no, running ssh with `-X` will not suit my needs. I am working on a complex project that involves saving KML files of contour plots generated by IDL in situations where X-windows is not always available. Since this is a batch-type script, I do not draw any windows, I only save files.

If anyone knew of a way that I could get around this roadblock, I would greatly appreciate the help. Possible solutions include a method of accessing `map()` without X, or if anyone knew of a good quality routine that generates KML files using the old graphics system. Thank you.

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