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Posted by JJ on Tue, 06 May 2008 15:23:15 GMT

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Anyone else seen this problem?

Thanks.

-Jonathan

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Posted by Kenneth P. Bowman on Tue, 06 May 2008 22:38:37 GMT

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In article <C445F023.199%jj21@cornell.edu>,
 Jonathan Joseph <jj21@cornell.edu> wrote:

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I think this may be due to X-Windows bugs. (Apple made major changes
to the X distribution with 10.5). I reported this to ITTVIS some time
back. Not sure what the outcome was.

Ken

Subject: Re: Annoying but (seemingly) harmless warning
Posted by cmoller on Thu, 08 May 2008 10:39:42 GMT
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On May 6, 11:23 am, Jonathan Joseph <j...@cornell.edu> wrote:
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Hi Jonathan,

I have the same system and also get this error only under the
conditions you describe. I have not experienced any obvious problems
so it appears to be benign.