
Subject: setenv DISPLAY fix not working with X Windows display problem...

Posted by [cjarviskdr](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2012 21:30:28 GMT

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I am using Cygwin and attempt to run a basic plot function in IDL but get the error (which I have seen here is fairly common):

```
% PLOT: Unable to connect to X Windows display: :0.0
```

```
% PLOT: Unable to open X Windows display.
```

```
    Is your DISPLAY environment variable set correctly?
```

```
% Execution halted at: $MAIN$
```

I have read that:

```
setenv display <your IP address>:0.0
```

```
    ^
```

should make it work, but for me it just produced a syntax error as shown above under the "i". What could be a solution?

Subject: Re: setenv DISPLAY fix not working with X Windows display problem...

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2012 00:11:38 GMT

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On Wednesday, December 19, 2012 4:30:28 PM UTC-5, cjarv...@gmail.com wrote:

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If it really is a syntax error then maybe you have the bash shell rather than the C-shell? In that case, I believe the equivalent command to setenv would be

```
export DISPLAY=<your IP address>:0.0
```

--Wayne
