
Subject: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 23 Oct 2013 21:18:08 GMT

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<http://michaelgalloy.com/2013/10/23/os-x-mavericks.html>

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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [cgguido](#) on Wed, 30 Oct 2013 02:57:36 GMT

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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 30 Oct 2013 16:45:40 GMT

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On 10/29/13, 7:57 PM, Gianguido Cianci wrote:

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Posted by [cgguido](#) on Wed, 30 Oct 2013 17:33:32 GMT
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Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 30 Oct 2013 18:05:23 GMT

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Posted by [cgguido](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 2013 02:50:03 GMT

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unfortunately, i still find plotting to be randomly laggy... no idea if it's XQuartz, or Mavericks, or IDL, or the fact that i am using 7.1... quite frustrating!

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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks
Posted by [SonicKenking](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 12:31:21 GMT
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On Thursday, October 24, 2013 8:18:08 AM UTC+11, Mike Galloy wrote:
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Hi Mike,

Do I have to install Java 1.6 to use the workbench? I installed 1.7 but it keeps asking for 1.6 on startup ... any advices? Thanks!

Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 16:59:04 GMT
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On Monday, November 4, 2013 4:31:21 AM UTC-8, SonicKenking wrote:

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I found the same thing. If you allow it to Install, it seems to install a 1.6 (Java SE 6) runtime that Eclipse needs, but leaves your 1.7 intact as well. IDLDE and a separate Eclipse installation I have run fine now, and Safari verifies that "You have the recommended Java installed (Version 7 Update 45)."

Cheers,
-Dick

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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks
Posted by [cgguido](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 18:52:00 GMT
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Just to keep you updated: XQuartz 2.7.5_rc4 (xorg-server 1.14.4) still has laggy direct graphics plotting, but not consistently laggy. So nothing has changed.

Would you suggest a bug report with exelis or xquartz?

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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks
Posted by [jsallennasa](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 18:58:32 GMT
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Has any one had issues with permissions using IDL/ENVI on Mavericks? I get a warning message "Alternate Header Direcotry: /Applications/exelis/idl82/lib/hook Problem: Unable to write to this directory" on ENVI startup, though it is clearly not a fatal error.

Thinking it was a mangled permissions issues from building the system from Time Machine (new computer with Mavericks, so used Time Machine to install all the previous system's software), but even after uninstalling ENVI and IDL and rebuilding cleanly from the installer, I get the same error message.

Running IDL 8.2.3/ENVI 5.0SP3 on Mavericks. Otherwise seems to work fine.

On Wednesday, October 23, 2013 5:18:08 PM UTC-4, Mike Galloy wrote:

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 19:00:35 GMT

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For IDL 7.2? Depends on which organization will be most effective at
stifling their laughter, I guess. ;-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I'm pretty sure ExelisVis is not investing a ton of
resources into making sure direct graphics programs run quickly. Nor, I
can imagine, is anyone making and promoting computer games as a way to
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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks
Posted by [cgguido](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 20:52:25 GMT
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I'd settle for DG programs running just as slowly as they used to with Mac OS X 10.8. No improvements please!

If only we knew of a well-known coyote whose graphics system seems to kinda use DG... that coyote ought to be able to persuade the "Makers" to have a looksee, no?

Meanwhile, I will try IDL 8 and report back. I guesstimate it still won't work right.

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On Monday, November 4, 2013 1:00:35 PM UTC-6, David Fanning wrote:

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 21:12:57 GMT
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Probably just the opposite. This is the equivalent of one of my son's finding a large rock in the bottom of his backpack. Put there, no doubt, to slow him down enough to not embarrass the ol' man on the trail to the lake. ;-)

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 21:23:14 GMT
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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [John Correia](#) on Mon, 04 Nov 2013 21:31:47 GMT

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On 11/04/2013 04:23 PM, David Fanning wrote:

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Old and treacherous will beat young and skilled every time.

Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Fri, 06 Dec 2013 18:53:25 GMT

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1. In a widget application that worked fine on Snow Leopard, I now get this error

% X windows protocol error: GLXBadContext.

2. If I drag the widget from my laptop screen to my secondary monitor, it disappears entirely.

I can get around this by going into the "all desktops" view and dragging the widget application from one desktop to the other.

3. The widget window seems to be able to exist in only the bottom 2/3 of my screen.

I am using IDL 8.0 and everything worked fine in Snow Leopard. Just updated this morning...

Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Fri, 06 Dec 2013 19:00:43 GMT

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But only the first time I use the application.

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This is true even for IDL's window function.

```
theWin = Window()
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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Fri, 06 Dec 2013 19:19:35 GMT

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> % X windows protocol error: GLXBadContext.

This is caused by the Window procedure, but only after the initial startup and only the first time it is used. A .Reset_Session will not cause the problem again.

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IDL> window
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% X windows protocol error: GLXBadContext.
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Posted by [Matthew Argall](#) on Fri, 06 Dec 2013 22:00:53 GMT

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2 and 3 happened when I SSH into a machine with IDL 8.2 on it.

{ x86_64 linux unix linux 8.2 Apr 10 2012 64 64 }

My Mac has XQuartz 2.7.5... Did not see 2.7.5 rc3 on the website.

{ x86_64 darwin unix Mac OS X 8.0 Jun 17 2010 64 64 }

Problems 2 and 3 were resolved by going to Mission Control and unchecking "Displays have separate spaces". Unfortunate because that was pretty cool. Problem 1 persists.

Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [heatherelliott111](#) on Wed, 19 Feb 2014 22:52:56 GMT

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On Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:57:36 PM UTC-5, Gianguido Cianci wrote:

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Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 19 Feb 2014 23:37:12 GMT

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<heatherelliott111@gmail.com> wrote:

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The installer is the hard part; if IDL is already installed there usually isn't a problem.

If you have IDL 7.1 installed on another Mac already, try just copying it to the new computer.

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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks
Posted by [chris_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Thu, 20 Feb 2014 16:43:52 GMT
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On Wednesday, February 19, 2014 3:52:56 PM UTC-7, heathere...@gmail.com wrote:

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Just FYI, IDL 7.1 was never tested against OSX 10.9, because IDL 7.1 came out way before Mavericks. As Mike noted, you may be able to copy an existing IDL 7.1 onto the new machine, but there is no guarantee it will run properly.

Has anyone else been successful running IDL 7.x on Mavericks?

-Chris

Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Fri, 21 Feb 2014 18:46:07 GMT

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On 2/20/14, 9:43 AM, Chris Torrence wrote:

> Has anyone else been successful running IDL 7.x on Mavericks?

Yes, my IDL 6.4, 7.0, and 7.1.1 installations seem fine. I did not do extensive testing, but the unit tests for my library passed (I did have to make a few changes to check for version in order to not use a new feature).

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Subject: Re: OS X Mavericks

Posted by [cgguido](#) on Thu, 27 Feb 2014 02:36:28 GMT

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Just to update on my original post. I was noticing a delay between typing "plot, indgen(9)" and the plot showing up in X11. Not always, not when the machine is under load, just randomly.... This was with Mavericks, and with the latest XQuartz, and with gl_driver.so renamed to gl_driver.so.backup.

That still happens, but there's an easy fix: just arrow up in Terminal, and the plot updates. Weird. Mysterious. Mystical. But not a big deal.

Otherwise 7.1.1 on Mavericks seems dandy.

