

Re: remote X display

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On Thu, 22 Jan 2004, Jonathon McKittrick wrote:

> *I have been looking all over for a concise howto for remote X on FreeBSD. I*
> *see some that involve changing config files in the xdm directory, others use*
> *xhost, and another uses xfig, which doesn't exist under FreeBSD AFAICT.*
>
> *All I want to do is use a laptop in a local network to be an X client*
> *connected to a more powerful desktop machine. I'm not worried about*
> *security.*
>
> *Is xhosts and the DISPLAY variable all I need? Or do I need to go through*
> *all of the xdm configuration hoops?*
>
> *NOTE: Please CC me, as I am not currently subscribed. Thanks.*

What do exactly want to do? If you want to login into your laptop from your desktop machine, you may enter "xhost +laptop-ip-address" on your desktop system and set the DISPLAY variable in the login shell on the laptop. The latter one will then run X clients and the desktop system the X server.

But if you want to use the laptop as a kind of X terminal and run your applications on the more powerful desktop system, the laptop needs to run the X server and the desktop the X clients. In that case, I suggest you should comment out the line

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DisplayManager.requestPort: 0
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in /usr/X11R6/lib/X11/xdm/xdm-config (put a ! at the beginning of the line), run xdm on the desktop system and start the X server on the laptop by entering:

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X -query desktop-ip-address
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Best regards

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