# Cygwin/XFree86 Contributor's Guide

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# **Chapter 1. Overview**

The Cygwin/XFree86 project can use your help! We will do everything we can to make experienced contributers productive as soon as possible. We also want to make it as easy as possible for new contributers to make Cygwin/XFree86 their first open source project.

Cygwin/XFree86 is part of the vast number of open source/free software programs that provide compatibility with closed source/commercial software products. Cygwin/XFree86 enables the coexistence of closed software and open software during the period of transition from an almost completely closed software market to an almost completely open software market.

Join in the excitement of opening your Windows machine to the X Window System.

We need programmers, documentation writers, and website maintainers.

# **Chapter 2. Programming**

## **Overview**

This chapter provides a consolidated overview of all of the information needed to begin making source code contributions to Cygwin/XFree86. Creating a source code contribution for Cygwin/XFree86 requires an amazingly small amount of information; however, prior to this document that tiny amount of information was difficult to obtain, as it was scattered across several documents and source code files. New programmers with no open source project experience, as well as programming gurus, will be able to make source code contributions to Cygwin/XFree86 after reading this chapter. Programming gurus are great; our intention is to create more of them.

Downloading the XFree86 source code tree can take anywhere from 10 minutes to 10 hours, depending upon the speed of your network connection. If you have an active network connection at your disposal you may want to skip ahead to the Section called *Obtaining the Source Code* and start downloading the source code tree now. You will find it advantageous to have a source code tree as you read the other sections.

## **Source Code Tree Layout**

The XFree86 CVS tree consists of several top-level directories, only three of which are of concern to Cygwin/XFree86 as of 2001-10-26.

#### Abridged Top Level XFree86 CVS Directories (in order of interest)

- 1. xc contains source code for X libraries, the X servers, and all X clients distributed with XFree86.
- 2. devel contains the scripts used to package a standard XFree86 distribution; thus, Cygwin/XFree86 uses these scripts to build distributions. You will need the util directory to use these build scripts.
- 3. util contains gnutar and zlib needed by the devel scripts. You will not need this directory for any other reason.

The layout of the devel and util directories are documented in the Section called *Packaging a Cygwin/XFree86 Distribution*. The remainder of this section deals only with the xc directory.

#### Descriptions of Important xc Directories and Subdirectories

- · config
  - cf contains generic and platform specific imake configuration settings, build rules, and other macros. Cygwin/XFree86 specific settings, build rules, and shared library template are contained in cygwin.cf, cygwin.rules, and cygwin.tmpl, respectively. Settings in cygwin.cf can be overridden for a single build host by creating a file called host.def that defines any host specific settings.xfree86site.def may be used as a template for host.def; simply copy xfree86site.def to host.def, then edit and/or uncomment any settings that you wish to override.

- imake contains source code for the **imake** utility that is used to combine the configuration files in cf with the Imakefile in a given directory to produce a Makefile that will work correctly for a given platform; in our case, that platform is Cygwin. Any build problems with **imake** will stop compilation of the XFree86 CVS tree, as there will not be any Makefile's to operate on. This directory will therefore be of interest only when **imake** fails to build.
- makedepend contains source code for the **makedepend** utility that scans the included files in the
  .c and .h used by a project to determine which files the build targets depend upon. This directory
  will only be of interest when **makedepend** fails to build.
- util contains a few general utilities, such as **Indir**.

#### • doc

- hardcopy contains precompiled PostScript documentation for various components of the X
  Window System. Cygwin/XFree86-specific documentation is not contained in this directory, as of
  2001-10-26. The documentation contained in this directory is of great interest and relevance to
  Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.
- specs contains the sources to build the documents in hardcopy. This directory is of little interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.
- util contains a few awk scripts for use in building documentation. This directory is of little interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.
- fonts contains font definition files used to compile fonts. This directory is of little interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.
- include contains various X Window System headers that are not generally specific to any one client or library (i.e. X.h, Xproto.h, and keysymdef.h).
- 1ib contains both X client and X Server libraries. Cygwin/XFree86 does not generally call any functions in these libraries directly; however, we do have to link to several of these libraries to get our X Server to build. These libraries are maintained by various developers from the XFree86 project and there are occasional synchronizations with The Open Group (http://www.opengroup.org/)'s X.Org (http://www.x.org/). Cygwin/XFree86 programmers occasionally need to fix Cygwin-related build errors that occur in these libraries.
- nls contains locale definition files. These files are maintained by the XFree86 I18N (http://www.xfree86.org/mailman/listinfo/i18n) project. This directory is of little interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.

#### • programs

- Xserver contains the heart of Cygwin/XFree86, namely, the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server.
  - cfb\* contains deprecated color framebuffer drawing procedures that are not compatible with the Shadow drawing system that Cygwin/XFree86 depends upon. This directory is of no interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.
  - dix contains [drawing] *device independent X* routines. main.c contains the main entry-point function for the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server. The X Server startup procedure can be followed by examining main.

- fb contains the modern framebuffer drawing procedures used by Cygwin/XFree86. This
  directory is maintained by Keith Packard and is only of interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers
  when it fails to build.
- hw contains [drawing] hardware dependent functions.
  - vfb contains the Virtual Framebuffer X Server. The vfb server draws to a system memory
    framebuffer with the primary purpose of allowing X clients to run on a machine that does not
    have display hardware.
  - xfree86 contains source code for the XFree86 servers that run on various operating systems
    that generally have low-level access to the graphics hardware. Cygwin/XFree86 does not have
    low-level access to the graphics hardware, thus Cygwin/XFree86 is not able to utilize the
    XFree86 server.
  - xnest contains source code for the Nested X Server which runs inside of another X Server. xnest is not generally of interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.
  - xwin contains the source code for the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server. This is the primary directory that Cygwin/XFree86 programmers are interested in.
- include contains header files specific to the X Server program, such as graphics context structures. This directory is useful to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers when they need to lookup the name or data type of members of various X Server structures.
- mi contains machine independent drawing routines. These drawing routines are used by the
  Cygwin/XFree86 Native GDI X Server engine. In turn, the machine independent routines depend
  in winGetSpans, winFillSpans, and winSetSpans, which are implemented in the Native
  GDI engine.
- miext contains various machine independent X extensions.
  - layer contains source code for the layer extension. This extension is supported by Cygwin/XFree86, however, this directory will be of interest only when layer fails to build.
  - shadow contains source code for the shadow extension that the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server depends upon. This directory is of primary importance to Cygwin/XFree86, but it is maintained by other programmers and is only of direct interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers when it fails to build. The shadow extension does three things:
    - 1. Allows the fb graphics routines to draw to an offscreen framebuffer.
    - 2. Keeps track of the regions of the offscreen framebuffer that have been drawn on.
    - 3. Calls one of Cygwin/XFree86's engine dependent ShadowUpdate () functions to transfer the updated regions of the offscreen framebuffer to the screen.
- os contains operating system dependent X Server functions. However, the functions in the os
  have been written in such a way that they are actually compatible with most UNIX-style
  operating systems, include Cygwin.

- xwinclip provides Windows clipboard and X clipboard integration. The xwinclip is not, as of 2001-10-26, contained in the XFree86 CVS tree. Please see the xwinclip development page (http://xfree86.cygwin.com/devel/xwinclip/) for more information.
- util contains a few utilities for programmers, such as a memory leak counter. Cygwin/XFree86 has never used these utilities, thus this directory is of little interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.
- workInProgess is supposed to contain various side projects that are in progress. As of 2001-10-26, this directory contains only empty directories. This directory is of little interest to Cygwin/XFree86 programmers.

# Cygwin/XFree86 X Server Architecture

Cygwin/XFree86's X Server architecture was heavily inspired by Angebranndt94, the Definition of the Porting Layer for the X v11 Sample Server.

## **Server Privates**

X Servers use various structures to pass information around to functions. Some of those structures are colormaps, *graphics contexts* (GCs), *pixmaps*, and *screens*. The X protocol defines the contents of each of these structures, however, the X Server implementation and various X Server libraries (*MI*, *FB*, *Shadow*, etc.) may require additional information to be associated with these internal structures. For example, the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server must associate a Windows window handle (hwnd) with each X Server screen that is open.

*Privates* are the mechanism provided by the X protocol for associating additional information with internal X Server structures. Privates originally consisted of a single pointer member contained in each structure, usually named *devPrivate* or *devPriv*. This original specification only allowed one of the X Server layers (mi, fb, shadow, etc.) to have privates associated with an internal structure. Privates have since been revised.

The current privates implementation requires that each X Server layer call a function on startup to indicate that that layer will require privates and to obtain an index into the array of privates that that layer's privates will be stored at. Modern privates are generally stored in an array of type DevUnion pointed to by a structure member named <code>devPrivates</code>; DevUnion is defined in <code>xc/programs/Xserver/include/miscstruct.h</code>. There are two different memory allocation schemes for <code>devPrivates</code>.

Memory for privates structures can either be preallocated or allocated upon use. Preallocation, the preferred method for GCs, pixmaps, and windows, requires that the size of the privates memory needed be specified during X Server initialization. Preallocation allows the DIX layer to allocate all memory needed for a given internal structure, including all privates memory, as a single contiguous block of memory; this greatly reduces memory fragmentation. Allocation upon use, used by screens, requires the DDX structure creation function to allocate memory for the privates; winScreenInit calling winAllocatePrivates, which allocates screen privates memory directly, is an example of this. Allocation upon use can optionally and non-optimally be used by GCs, pixmaps, and windows.

#### **Macros**

Three macros are provided for each class of privates that make setting up and using the privates easier. The macros for screen privates are examined as an example.

```
winPrivScreenPtr winGetScreenPriv(ScreenPtr pScreen);
```

winGetScreenPriv takes a non-NULL pointer to a screen, a ScreenPtr, and returns the pointer stored in the DDX privates for that screen. Passing a NULL or invalid ScreenPtr to winGetScreenPriv will cause an access violation, crashing the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server.

```
void winSetScreenPriv(ScreenPtr pScreen, void * pvPrivates);
```

winSetScreenPriv takes a non-NULL pointer to a screen, a ScreenPtr, and sets the DDX privates pointer to the value of the *pvPrivates* parameter. Passing a NULL or invalid ScreenPtr to winSetScreenPriv will cause an access violation, crashing the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server.

```
void winScreenPriv(ScreenPtr pScreen);
```

winscreenPriv takes a non-NULL pointer to a screen, a ScreenPtr, and declares a local variable in the calling function named pscreenPriv. winscreenPriv may only be called at the top of a C function within the variable declaration block; calling the function elsewhere will break the ANSI C rule that all variables must be declared at the top of a scope block. Passing a NULL or invalid ScreenPtr to winscreenPriv will cause an access violation, crashing the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server.

## **Engine System**

The Cygwin/XFree86 X Server uses several methods of drawing graphics on the display device; each of these different drawing mehtods is referred to as an engine. Each of the engines can be classified as either a Shadow FB engine, a Native GDI engine, or as a Primary FB engine. It should be noted that the Primary FB engine is deprecated and is discussed here only for completeness. The engines are disscussed in the following sections, in order of importance.

### **Shadow FB Engines**

The Shadow FB engines use Keith Packard's FB drawing procedures wrapped with his Shadow layer that allows drawing to an offscreen framebuffer with periodic updates of the primary framebuffer.

### **Native GDI Engine**

The Native GDI engine will eventually translate individual X graphics calls into their GDI equivalent. Some X graphics calls do not translate directly to a GDI call so they may be passed through the MI layer to change them into a serious of lower level calls that are supported. Currently, the Native GDI engine passes all X graphics calls through the MI layer to convert them into three functions: FillSpans, GetSpans, and SetSpans. The functionality of those three functions, as of 2001-10-28, is limited to the functionality needed to draw the familiar X background pattern upon X Server startup.

### **Primary FB Engine**

The Primary FB engine is deprecated. Primary FB works in the same manner that the original Cygwin/XFree86 X Server worked, namely, it uses <code>IDirectDrawSurface\_Lock</code> to obtain a pointer to the *primary framebuffer* memory at server startup. This memory pointer is held until the X Server shuts down. This technique does not work on all versions of Windows.

Locking the primary framebuffer on Windows 95/98/Me causes the Win16Mutex to be obtained by the program that locks the primary framebuffer; the Win16Mutex is not released until the primary framebuffer is unlocked. The Win16Mutex is a semaphore introduced in Windows 95 that prevents 16 bit Windows code from being reentered by different threads or processes. For compatibility reasons, all GDI operations in Windows 95/98/Me are written in 16 bit code, thus requiring that the Win16Mutex be obtained before performing those operations. All of this leads to the following situation on Windows 95/98/Me:

- 1. The primary framebuffer is locked, causing the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server to hold the Win16Mutex.
- 2. Windows switches the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server out of the current process slot; another process is switched in.
- 3. The newly selected process makes a GDI function call.
- 4. The GDI function call must wait for the Win16Mutex to be released, but the Win16Mutex cannot be released until the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server releases the Win16Mutex. However, the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server will not release the Win16Mutex until it exits. The end result is that the Win16Mutex has been deadlocked and the Windows machine is frozen with no way to recover.

Windows NT/2000/XP do not contain any 16 bit code, so the Win16Mutex is not an issue; thus, the Primary FB engine works fine on those operating systems. However, drawing directly to the primary framebuffer suffers performance problems. For example, on some systems writing to the primary framebuffer requires doing memory reads and writes across the PCI bus which is only 32 bits wide and features a clock speed of 33 MHz, as opposed to accessing system memory, which is attached to a 64 bit wide bus that runs at between 100 and 266 (effective) MHz. Furthermore, accessing the primary framebuffer memory requires several synchronization steps that take many clock cycles to complete. The end result is that the Primary FB engine is several times slower than the Shadow FB engines.

The Primary FB engine also has several unique issues that are difficult to program around. Development of the Primary FB engine has ceased, due to the difficulty of maintaining it, coupled with the fact that Primary FB does not run on Windows 95/98/Me and with the poor performance of Primary FB. The Primary FB source code has been left in place so that future programmers can enable it and see the poor performance of the engine for themselves.

## **User Input**

Keyboard	
Foo!	
Mouse	
Wheel	
Foo!	
Motion	
Foo!	
Buttons	
Foo!	
Three Button Emulation	
Foo!	

## **Obtaining the Source Code**

**Cross Compiling:** Obtaining the source code when cross compiling XFree86 is nearly identical to the process described below. The only divergence from the following instructions is that you will be using a **bash** shell on your cross compiling host, rather than on your native Cygwin host.

Cygwin/XFree86 source code is contained in, and distributed with, the XFree86 source code tree. Read-only CVS access to the XFree86 source tree (http://xfree86.org/cvs/) is also available from the XFree86 project.

The XFree86 CVS tree is not always buildable on Cygwin, as the XFree86 CVS tree is modified frequently, and sometimes those modifications cause building on Cygwin to fail; however, there are a few developers monitoring the build state of the XFree86 CVS tree on Cygwin, and they quickly fix build problems as they appear. It is unlikely that you will experience problems building XFree86 on Cygwin; in the event that you do experience build problems, you may wish to drop a note to cygwin-xfree@cygwin.com to let the developers there know that the tree is not building correctly.

Periodically the Cygwin/XFree86 project releases a snapshot of the XFree86 source code that is known to compile. It is perfectly acceptable, though rarely necessary, to do your independent development work from a stable source code snapshot, rather than from the XFree86 CVS tree. Developing from a stable source code snapshots minimizes the scope of problems that you may encounter, which can greatly ease debugging of new features and other code modifications.

It is highly recommended to get the XFree86 *CVS* tree by using the CVS *pserver* method. CVS pserver is the easiest CVS method to use for anonymous access to public CVS trees, as you need only type in a well-known password to download the CVS tree. CVS pserver is rarely used to control checkins to CVS trees, as the passwords are stored and sent as plain text; thus, pserver is extremely insecure. However, security does not matter for a public read-only CVS tree.

Follow these steps to checkout the XFree86 CVS tree:

 Open a Cygwin bash shell by double clicking the Cygwin icon on your desktop, or by selecting Start, then Programs, followed by Cygnus Solutions, and finally Cygwin Bash Shell. You will see output similar to the following:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
```

2. Create a directory in which to store your XFree86 CVS tree and your builds; ~/x-devel is recommended:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ mkdir x-devel

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$
```

3. Change the current directory to your new XFree86 development directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd x-devel
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
```

4. Set the CVSROOT environment variable to point to the XFree86 CVS repository:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ CVSROOT=:pserver:anoncvs@anoncvs.xfree86.org:/cvs
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ export CVSROOT
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
```

5. Login to the CVS server, using password "anoncvs":

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ cvs login
(Logging in to anoncvs@anoncvs.xfree86.org)
CVS password:
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
```

6. Checkout the xc/ directory from the XFree86 CVS tree:

**Tip:** The -zn parameter specifies the compression level to use, from 1 to 9, with 9 being maximum compression.

**Note:** As of 2001-06-12, a checked out XFree86 CVS source code tree contains 16,199 files in 3,021 folders, which is 242 MB of data, but requires 285 MB of storage space on a file system using 4 KB allocation units.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ cvs -z4 checkout xc
cvs server: Updating xc
...

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
You may preserve a logfile for the checkout session by instead using the following command:
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ cvs -z4 checkout xc > xc-cvs-checkout.log 2>&1

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
```

## **Native Compiling**

## **Compiling the Source Code**

Compiling Cygwin/XFree86 doesn't have to be hard, although the XFree86 source code tree contains over 250 MB of data. There are a few simple techniques that make building the source code, keeping the source code up to date, and keeping the source code organized much easier.

## **Compiling Overview**

Compiling the XFree86 source code tree is a lot easier when you keep your builds in directories seperate from the source code directory. Keeping the source code and builds in seperate directories allows you to have many builds for different configurations, allows you to easily delete a build, and keeps the source code tree clean and manageable.

A small utility, <code>lndir.exe</code>, is needed to keep your builds directories seperate from your source directory; <code>lndir.exe</code> works just like the standard <code>ln</code> on UNIX, but <code>lndir.exe</code> creates links recursively for all files and directories in the specified directory. The <code>lndir.exe</code> utility is included with the XFree86 source code tree; but the catch is that you need to build the tree before you get <code>lndir.exe</code>. <code>lndir.exe</code> has been compiled and is available at <a href="http://www.msu.edu/~huntharo/xwin/lndir.exe.bz2">http://www.msu.edu/~huntharo/xwin/lndir.exe.bz2</a> (8 kB). Download the file, saving it to your Cygwin root directory (e.g. <code>c:\cygwin</code>), then follow the simple instructions below to install the utility:

1. Launch a Cygwin bash prompt. You should see a screen similar to the following:

```
\label{eq:harold@MyWindowsHost} \texttt{~} \\ \$
```

2. Change to your Cygwin root directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd /
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$
```

3. Uncompress Indir.exe.bz2:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$ bunzip2 lndir.exe.bz2
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$
```

4. Copy Indir.exe to /bin:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$ cp lndir.exe /bin
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$
```

5. Verify that **Indir** is working:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$ lndir
usage: lndir.exe [-silent] [-ignorelinks] fromdir [todir]
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
```

\$

6. The **Indir** utility is now installed.

#### Standard Build

Follow these steps to create a standard, non-debug, build:

1. Change the current directory to your XFree86 development directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd x-devel
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
```

2. Create a directory to house your builds, ~/x-devel/build is recommended:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ mkdir build
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
```

3. Change the current directory to your build directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ cd build
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build
$
```

4. Create a directory for your standard build, std is recommended:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build
$ mkdir std

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build
$
```

5. Change the current directory to your standard build directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build
$ cd std

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$
```

6. Create symlinks to your source tree, using **Indir**, in your standard build directory:

**Note:** As of 2001-09-19, creating symlinks to the source tree creates 11,678 files in 1,524 folders, which is only 2.31 MB of data, but requires 45.6 MB of storage space on a file system using 4 KB allocation units.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$ lndir ../../xc/
../../xc/config:
../../.xc/config/cf:
...
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$
```

7. Run a standard build of the entire tree, which takes between 30 minutes and 5 hours, saving the output of the build commands to World.log:

**Note:** As of 2001-09-19, a standard build of the entire tree requires 234 MB of storage space on a file system using 4 KB allocation units; that is in addition to the 45.6 MB of previously generated symlinks.

As a benchmark, a standard build runs for 30 minutes on a machine with a 1.2 GHz Atlhon, 256 MB DDR RAM, and a 7200 RPM ATA/100 HD.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$ make World > World.log 2>&1

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$
```

8. Standard build is now complete.

## **Debug Build**

Follow these steps to create a build with debugging information:

1. Change the current directory to your XFree86 development directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd x-devel
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
```

2. If you have not already done so, create a directory to house your builds,  $\sim/x$ -devel/build is recommended:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ mkdir build
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
```

3. Change the current directory to your build directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ cd build
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build
$
```

4. Create a directory for your debug build, debug is recommended:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build $ mkdir debug

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build $
```

5. Change the current directory to your debug build directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build
$ cd debug

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/debug
$
```

6. Create links to your source tree, using **Indir**, in your standard build directory:

**Note:** As of 2001-09-19, creating symlinks to the source tree creates 11,678 files in 1,524 folders, which is only 2.31 MB of data, but requires 45.6 MB of storage space on a file system using 4 KB allocation units.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/debug
$ lndir ../../xc/
../../xc/config:
../../.xc/config/cf:
...
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/debug
$
```

7. Run a debug build of the entire tree, which takes between 30 minutes and 5 hours, saving the output of the build commands to World.log:

**Note:** As of 2001-06-12, a debug build of the entire tree requires 566.5 MB of storage space on a file system using 4 KB allocation units; that is in addition to the 45.6 MB of previously generated symlinks.

As a benchmark, a debug build runs for 71 minutes on a machine with a 1.2 GHz Atlhon, 256 MB DDR RAM, and a 7200 RPM ATA/100 HD. You may have noticed that the standard build time and the debug build time are identical.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/debug
$ ./config/util/makeg.sh World > World.log 2>&1
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/debug
$
```

8. Debug build is now complete.

## Installing a local build

Installing a local build enables you to verify that a build of the entire source tree is operational. It is wise to verify the operation of full builds of the source tree from time to time, as full builds will occasionally be broken by changes that other developers are making to the XFree86 source code tree.

Installing a local build on top of an existing build is not a good idea, as this can mask problems that occured during the build process, or it can cause problems that are unrelated to the build process; either situation is undesireable. It is generally a good idea to move your old installation out of the way before installing a local build, and these instructions will assume that you desire to do so. Follow the instructions below to install a local build:

1. Move the /etc/X11 directory to /etc/X11\_build-prefix\_date\_time:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ mv /etc/X11 /etc/X11_build-prefix_date_time
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$
```

2. Move the /usr/X11R6 diretory to  $/usr/X11R6\_build\_prefix\_date\_time$ :

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ mv /usr/X11R6 /usr/X11R6_build-prefix_date_time
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$
```

3. Change the current directory to your desired XFree86 build directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd ~/x-devel/build/build-prefix
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/build-prefix
$
```

4. Make the **install** target, which installs binaries, fonts, libraries, and configuration files; in short, **install** installs everything except the **man** pages:

**Note:** As of 2001-06-12, the **install** target copies 5,074 files in 83 folders into /usr/X11R6, requiring 89.2 MB of storage space for a standard build or 177 MB of storage space for a debug build, and 276 files in 39 folders into /etc/X11, requiring 2.57 MB of storage space. All stated storage requirements are for a file system using 4 KB allocation units.

As a benchmark, install runs for 20 minutes on a machine with a 1.2 GHz Atlhon, 256 MB DDR RAM, and a 7200 RPM ATA/100 HD. Standard and debug installs both complete in the stated time.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/build-prefix
$ make install > install.log 2>&1
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/build-prefix
$
```

5. Make the **install.man** target, which only installs the **man** pages:

**Note:** As of 2001-06-12, the <code>install.man</code> target copies 541 files in 3 folders into <code>/usr/X11R6/man</code>, requiring 4.22 MB of storage space, and 544 files in 1 folder into <code>/usr/X11R6/lib/X11/doc</code>, requiring 4.76 MB of storage space. All stated storage requirements are for a file system using 4 KB allocation units.

As a benchmark, install.man runs for 2 minutes on a machine with a 1.2 GHz Atlhon, 256 MB DDR RAM, and a 7200 RPM ATA/100 HD.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/build-prefix
$ make install.man > install.man.log 2>&1

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/build-prefix
$
```

## Keeping your source code tree updated

CVS makes keeping your source code tree up to date easy. You may update your entire source code tree at once, or you can update individual directories or files, if you so choose.

## Update the entire source code tree

1. Change the current directory to your XFree86 development directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd x-devel
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$
```

2. Change the current directory to the root of the XFree86 source code tree, xc/:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ cd xc
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc
$
```

3. To update your entire XFree86 source code tree, run the following command:

**Tip:** The -zn parameter specifies the compression level to use, from 1 to 9, with 9 being maximum compression.

The -d parameter instructs **cvs** to rebuild the directory list, which causes new directories in the source code tree to be downloaded (new directories are skipped if you do not specify -d).

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc
$ cvs -z4 update -d > cvs-update.log 2>&1
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc
$
```

4. Search cvs-update.log for any lines containing conflict. Examine each line that contains conflict; resolve those lines that are true conflicts. **grep** will not display any information if no line in cvs-update.log contains conflict.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc
$ grep conflict cvs-update.log
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc
$
```

## Update a single file or directory

1. Change the current directory to your XFree86 development directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd x-devel
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
*
```

2. Change the current directory to the directory that contains the file you wish to update, or change the current directory to the directory that you wish to update:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel
$ cd xc/directory_to_update

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc/directory_to_update
$
```

3. To update a single file, or a set of specified files, run the following command:

**Tip:** The -zn parameter specifies the compression level to use, from 1 to 9, with 9 being maximum compression.

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc/directory_to_update
$ cvs -z4 update filename_1 [filename_2 ...]
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc/directory_to_update
$
```

4. To update a single directory, and its subdirectories, run the following command:

**Note:** The -zn parameter specifies the compression level to use, from 1 to 9, with 9 being maximum compression.

The -d parameter instructs **cvs** to rebuild the directory list, which causes new directories in the source code tree to be downloaded (new directories are skipped if you do not specify -d).

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc/directory_to_update
$ cvs -z4 update -d

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc/directory_to_update
$
```

## **Cross Compiling**

Cross compiling is the act of the building source code on one system, the build host, into executables or libraries to be run on a different host, the native host. The build host and the native host may differ in operating system and/or processor type. Cross compiling is done for several reasons:

- The native host is grossly underpowered, such as a handheld computer.
- The user happens to have greatly more compiling power available on a platform other than the native host. For example, the user may have access to a 32 processor machine while their desktop machine may only be a uni-processor machine.

Cross compiling is much trickier than building on the native host. There are a whole new class of problems that can happen when cross compiling that are simply not an issue when building on Cygwin. You should be familiar with building Cygwin/XFree86 on Cygwin, as described in the Section called *Native Compiling*, before attempting to cross compile Cygwin/XFree86.

## **Obtaining binutils and gcc Source**

binutils and gcc source code releases that are known to compile on Cygwin and distributed by the Cygwin project. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you obtain the binutils and gcc sources from the Cygwin mirror network (http://cygwin.com/mirrors.html).

Follow these steps to download Cygwin/XFree86 binaries:

- 1. Create a directory to store the binutils and gcc sources in, such as /cygwin/src/
- 2. Visit the Cygwin mirrors page (http://cygwin.com/mirrors.html) to find your closest mirror
- 3. The ftp url for your mirror site should take you to the cygwin/ directory on the mirror
- 4. Change current ftp directory to cygwin/latest/.
- 5. Download the following files from cygwin/latest/, saving them to /cygwin/src/ The compressed file size appears after each file in the list below.

**Downloading with a Web Browser:** Some web browsers automatically decompress saved files when you use the left mouse button to follow the link to a file; bunzip2 will report, "Data integrity error when decompressing.", when attempting to decompress a file that has been decompressed by your web browser. Prevent your files from being automatically decompressed by clicking the right mouse button on a file link and choosing a command such as Save Target As... or Save Link As... from the context sensitive menu. Better yet, download your files with a stand alone ftp client.

- binutils/binutils-20010914-1-src.tar.bz2 (7.5 MB; required, necessary to build gcc and Cygwin/XFree86)
- gcc/gcc-2.95.3-5-src.tar.bz2 (8.1 MB; required, necessary to build Cygwin/XFree86)

## **Obtaining Cygwin Headers and Libs**

The simplest method of building a cross compiler for Cygwin requires that you have the Cygwin headers and libraries available at the time of building the cross compiler. Cygwin headers and libraries are installed when Cygwin is installed, so the headers and libraries can be obtained from an existing Cygwin installation.

**Don't simply copy the headers and libraries:** Some of the headers and libraries are symbolic links to other headers or libraries. Copying these files using a program that is not aware of Cygwin's symlink emulation will result in some of the header and library files being broken. The method described below will preserve the symbolic links used by the header and library files.

1. Launch your Cygwin environment, using either the icon on your Desktop, the icon in your Start Menu, or by running cygwin.bat from your Cygwin directory (e.g. c:\cygwin); you should see a window like the following:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$
```

2. Change the current directory to Cygwin root directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd /
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$
```

3. Create an archive of the contents of the /lib directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$ tar -czf cygwin-lib.tgz lib/
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$
```

4. Change the current directory to the usr directory in your Cygwin root directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost /
$ cd /usr
Harold@MyWindowsHost /usr
$
```

5. Create an archive of the contents of the /usr/include directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost /usr
$ tar -czf cygwin-include.tgz include/
Harold@MyWindowsHost /usr
$
```

- 6. Transfer cygwin-lib.tgz and cygwin-include.tgz to your build host using any method that you have available (e.g. ftp, samba, diskette, etc.). Save the files in the /cygwin/i686-pc-cygwin/directory.
- 7. Open a shell on your cross compiling build host; you should see a window like the following:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost harold]$
```

8. Change the current directory to the /cygwin/i686-pc-cygwin/ directory in your build host root directory:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost harold]$ cd /cygwin/i686-pc-cygwin/
[harold@MyCrossHost /cygwin/i686-pc-cygwin/]$
```

9. Extract the cygwin-lib.tgz and cygwin-include.tgz archives:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost /cygwin/i686-pc-cygwin/]$ tar -xzf cygwin-lib.tgz
[harold@MyCrossHost /cygwin/i686-pc-cygwin/]$ tar -xzf cygwin-include.tgz
```

10. Obtaining Cygwin headers and libs is now complete.

## **Building binutils and gcc**

1. Open a shell on your cross compiling build host; you should see a window like the following:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost harold]$
```

2. Change the current directory to the /cygwin/src/ directory in your build host root directory:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost harold]$ cd /cygwin/src/
[harold@MyCrossHost src]$
```

3. Extract the binutils-20010914-1-src.tar.bz2 and gcc-2.95.3-5-src.tar.bz2 archives:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost src]$ bunzip2 binutils-20010914-1-src.tar.bz2 [harold@MyCrossHost src]$ tar -xf binutils-20010914-1-src.tar
```

```
[harold@MyCrossHost src]$ bunzip2 gcc-2.95.3-5-src.tar.bz2 [harold@MyCrossHost src]$ tar -xf gcc-2.95.3-5-src.tar
```

4. Change the current directory to the /cygwin/src/binutils-20010914-1 directory:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost src]$ cd binutils-20010914-1
```

[harold@MyCrossHost binutils-20010914-1]\$

5. Create a build directory and change the current directory to that directory:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost binutils-20010914-1]$ mkdir build [harold@MyCrossHost binutils-20010914-1]$ cd build [harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

6. Configure binutils:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$ ../configure
-prefix=/cygwin -exec-prefix=/cygwin
-target=i686-pc-cygwin -host=i686-pc-linux > configure.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

7. Build binutils:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$ make all > all.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

8. Install binutils:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$ make install > install.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

9. Modify the PATH environment variable to include the directories that the binutils executables were installed in:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$
PATH=$PATH:/cygwin/bin:/cygwin/i686-pc-cygwin/bin
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

10. Change the current directory to the /cygwin/src/binutils-20010914-1 directory:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$ cd ../../gcc-2.95.3-5
[harold@MyCrossHost gcc-2.95.3-5]$
```

11. Create a build directory and change the current directory to that directory:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost gcc-2.95.3-5]$ mkdir build [harold@MyCrossHost gcc-2.95.3-5]$ cd build [harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

#### 12. Configure gcc:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$ ../configure
-prefix=/cygwin -exec-prefix=/cygwin
-target=i686-pc-cygwin -host=i686-pc-linux
-enable-haifa > configure.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

#### 13. Build gcc:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$ make all > all.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

#### 14. Install gcc:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$ make install > install.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost build]$
```

15. Building binutils and gcc is now complete.

## **Building Cygwin/XFree86**

Building the source code when cross compiling XFree86 is nearly identical to the process described below in the Section called *Native Compiling* of the Native Compiling section. One divergence from the aforementioned instructions is that you will be using a **bash** shell on your cross compiling host, rather than on your native Cygwin host; other divergences follow.

- 1. Download host.def (http://www.msu.edu/~huntharo/xwin/host.def), and place the file in xc/config/cf.
- 2. Modify host.def/PostIncDir to reflect the actual version of gcc compiled, such as #define PostIncDir /cygwin/lib/gcc-lib/i686-pc-cygwin/2.95.3-5/include. The version number in the path will change depending on which version of gcc you built and installed.

- 3. **Indir** should generally already be installed if your build host already has the X Window System installed. In any case, you certainly won't want to install the build of **Indir** mentioned in the Section called *Native Compiling* as that executable is for Cygwin only.
- 4. Always remember to set your PATH environment variable to include the Cygwin binutils and gcc binary directories:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost std]$
PATH=$PATH:/cygwin/bin:/cygwin/i686-pc-cygwin/bin
[harold@MyCrossHost std]$
```

5. When building the entire tree, you must pass *IMAKE\_DEFINES* and *BOOTSTRAPCFLAGS* to **make** to cause the build system to build for the target, Cygwin, platform:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost std]$ make World

BOOTSTRAPCFLAGS="-D__CYGWIN__ -Ulinux -DCrossCompiling=1"

IMAKE_DEFINES="-D__CYGWIN__ -Ulinux" > World.log 2>&1

[harold@MyCrossHost std]$
```

6. When rebuilding individual elements of the tree after doing a build of the entire tree, you must pass *IMAKE\_DEFINES* to **make** to cause the build system to build for the target, Cygwin, platform:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost Xserver]$ make World
IMAKE_DEFINES="-D__CYGWIN__ -Ulinux" > World.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost Xserver]$
```

7. When building a debug version of the entire tree, use **makeg**, which should generally already be installed, and pass *IMAKE\_DEFINES* and *BOOTSTRAPCFLAGS* to **makeg** to cause the build system to build for the target, Cygwin, platform:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost debug]$ makeg World
BOOTSTRAPCFLAGS="-D__CYGWIN__ -Ulinux -DCrossCompiling=1"
IMAKE_DEFINES="-D__CYGWIN__ -Ulinux" > World.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost debug]$
```

8. When rebuilding debug versions of individual elements of the tree after doing a debug build of the entire tree, you must pass *IMAKE\_DEFINES* to **makeg** to cause the build system to build for the target, Cygwin, platform:

```
[harold@MyCrossHost Xserver]$ makeg World
IMAKE_DEFINES="-D__CYGWIN__ -Ulinux" > World.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost Xserver]$
```

9. When installing a standard build of the entire tree, you must pass *DESTDIR* and *IMAKE\_DEFINES* to **make** to install the target platform build into /stagingdir and to cause the build system to build a few remaining programs for the target, Cygwin, platform:

**Tip:** Never run **make install install.man** on your host platform without the <code>DESTDIR</code> parameter, as that will cause the Cygwin build of XFree86 to be installed overtop of your local X Window System installation, which would completely destroy your host systems' X Window System installation.

```
[harold@MyCrossHost std]$ make install install.man
DESTDIR=/stagingdir
IMAKE_DEFINES="-D__CYGWIN__ -Ulinux" > install.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost std]$
```

10. When installing a debug build of the entire tree, you must pass *DESTDIR* and *IMAKE\_DEFINES* to **makeg** to install the target platform build into /stagingdir and to cause the build system to build debug versions of a few remaining programs for the target, Cygwin, platform:

**Tip:** Never run **makeg install install.man** on your host platform without the <code>DESTDIR</code> parameter, as that will cause the Cygwin debug build of XFree86 to be installed overtop of your local X Window System installation, which would completely destroy your host systems' X Window System installation.

```
[harold@MyCrossHost debug]$ makeg install install.man
DESTDIR=/stagingdir
IMAKE_DEFINES="-D__CYGWIN__ -Ulinux" > install.log 2>&1
[harold@MyCrossHost debug]$
```

# Packaging a Cygwin/XFree86 Distribution

Cygwin/XFree86 uses the standard XFree86 distribution build scripts. You will need to start by downloading the XFree86 util CVS module. The following instructions are paraphrased from bindist-notes in the XFree86 devel CVS module, with adaptations to make them Cygwin/XFree86 specific.

- Copy xc/programs/Xserver/hw/xfree86/etc/bindist/Cygwin/host.def to xc/config/cf/host.def.
- 2. Build and install the **extract** tool from the utils module.
- 3. Run a full build of the XFree86 CVS tree, following the instructions in the Section called *Native Compiling*.

4. Install the full build of XFree86 to a staging directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$ mkdir /stagingdir

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$ make DESTDIR=/stagingdir install install.man
```

5. Create directories for the bindist and commondist:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$ mkdir /bindistdir

Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/build/std
$ mkdir /commondist
```

6. Copy the bindist and commondist scripts to their respective directories:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc
$ cp programs/Xserver/hw/xfree86/etc/bindist/Cygwin/* /bindistdir
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc
$ cp programs/Xserver/hw/xfree86/etc/bindist/common/* /commondist
```

7. Copy the **build-bindist** script to somewhere in your search path, such as /usr/bin:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~/x-devel/xc
$ cp programs/Xserver/hw/xfree86/etc/bindist/build-bindist /usr/bin
```

8. Build the distribution tarballs:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ build-bindist /stagingdir /bindistdir
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ build-bindist /stagingdir /commondist
```

9. Verify the tarball contents by extracting them in a test directory and comparing them to what is in the staging directory:

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ mkdir -p /testdir/usr/X11R6 /testdir/etc/X11 /testdir/var
Harold@MyWindowsHost ~
$ cd /bindistdir/bindist
Harold@MyWindowsHost /bindistdir/bindist
$ extract -C /testdir/etc/X11 Xetc.tgz
Harold@MyWindowsHost /bindistdir/bindist
$ extract -C /testdir/var Xvar.tgz
```

```
Harold@MyWindowsHost /bindistdir/bindist
$ extract -C /testdir/usr/X11R6 'pwd'/X[a-df-uw-z]*.tgz 'pwd'Xvfb.tgz

Harold@MyWindowsHost /bindist
$ cd /commondist/bindist

Harold@MyWindowsHost /commondist/bindist
$ extract -C /testdir/usr/X11R6 'pwd'/*.tgz

Harold@MyWindowsHost /commondist/bindist
$ cd /testdir; find . ! -type d -print | sort > /tmp/dist.list

Harold@MyWindowsHost /testdir
$ cd /stagingdir; find . ! -type d -print | sort > /tmp/stage.list

Harold@MyWindowsHost /stagingdir
$ diff -u /tmp/stage.list /tmp/dist.list
```

- 10. The following differences are expected because the directories referred to are symlinks created by the installation script, other differences indicate that the bindist data files need to be fixed:
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/app-defaults
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/fs
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/lbxproxy
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/proxymngr
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/rstart
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/twm
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/xdm
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/xinit
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/xserver
  - ./usr/X11R6/lib/X11/xsm
- 11. Upload  $\star$ .tgz and extract to your distribution site.

# **Chapter 3. Documentation**

Cygwin/XFree86 documentation is written in XML according to the DocBook (http://docbook.org/) document type definition (DTD). These XML input files are then compiled using an autoconf and automake build system. We currently build the following output formats: HTML, PDF, PS, RTF, and TXT.

# **Chapter 4. Web Site Maintenance**

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# **Glossary**

## B

#### Bitmap (Win32)

Windows pixel map.

#### Bitmap (X)

X pixel map with bit depth equal to one. X pixel maps of bit depth not equal to one are called *pixmaps*.

## C

#### **Color Framebuffer Layer**

Deprecated X Server layer providing implementations of the X graphics functions to draw on an antiquated framebuffer device. CFB is optimized to minimize CPU instructions at the expense of additional memory accesses; this does not work well on modern machines because memory access is the system performance bottle neck. CFB can only be initialized to draw on one depth of framebuffer per instantiation; this was done to eliminate CPU instructions that checked the current framebuffer depth, thus saving processing time on early machines.

#### Colormap

X Server colormap. Contains a table translating index values to red, green, blue 3-tuples that will be displayed on the screen when a given index value is contained in a bitmap.

#### **Concurrent Versions System**

CVS is an open source version control system used by the majority of open source projects. More information can be found at the CVS project homepage (http://www.cvshome.org).

D

#### **Device Dependent X Layer**

X Server layer that depends on the hardware; but not the operating system.

#### **Device Independent X Layer**

X Server layer that does not depend on the hardware layer, nor the operating system.

F

#### Framebuffer Layer

X Server layer providing implementations of the X graphics functions to draw on a modern framebuffer device. FB is optimized to minimize memory accesses at the expense of additional CPU instructions; this works well on modern machines because memory access is the system performance bottle neck.

G

#### **Graphics Context**

X Server graphics context. Stores information describing a graphics operation to perform, such as the foreground and background colors, fill style, stipple, and tile.

M

#### **Machine Independent Layer**

X Server layer providing user input and graphics display functions that are independent of the machine used by the DDX layer. The MI drawing functions depend on only three DDX functions: FillSpans, GetSpans, and SetSpans.

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#### Offscreen Framebuffer

Essentially a *bitmap*, in the Windows sense, of size and color format that can be displayed on the screen. An offscreen framebuffer may be identical in size and color format to the *primary framebuffer*, but this is not always required.

#### **OS Layer**

X Server layer that depends on the operating system; but not the hardware.

### P

#### **Pixmap**

X pixel map with bit depth not equal to one. X pixel maps of bit depth one are called *bitmaps*.

#### **Primary Framebuffer**

The block of memory, essentially a *bitmap*, that describes what is currently being displayed on the screen. Any updates to the primary framebuffer will be displayed on the screen after the next screen refresh.

#### **Privates**

Additional information associated with internal X Server structures, such as *colormaps*, *GCs*, *pixmaps*, or *screens*.

#### pserver

CVS pserver, short for "password server", is one of the user authentication methods supported by CVS. CVS pserver is not secure, as passwords are transmitted and stored as plain text. However, CVS pserver is desireable for read-only anonymous access to open source CVS trees, as CVS pserver is by far the easiest method to use.

S

#### Screen

X Server screen. A screen usually corresponds to a display device; however, Cygwin/XFree86's X Server corresponds each screen to one Windows window. A single instance of the Cygwin/XFree86 X Server may have several screens.

#### **Shadow**

X Server shadow layer that allows *FB* to draw to an offscreen framebuffer and occasionally call a *DDX* function that transfers the updated regions to the screen.



#### X Display Manager

An X Display Manager presents a graphical login screen to X users. Often an XDM will allow the user to select a desktop environment or window manager to be for their login session. Some X Display Managers are xdm, gdm (Gnome Display Manager), and kdm (KDE Display Manager).

#### **X Display Manager Control Protocol**

XDMCP allows XDM to process logins for users remote to the machine that XDM is running on; login sessions will be run on the machine running XDM. For example, at a university you may use XDMCP to login to an X session running on an engineering department computer from your dorm room.

See Also: X Display Manager.

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