Be aware that some systems use a font server called **[xfs](gloss01.html" \l "gloss_494)**. An advantage of **xfs** is speed when rendering fonts because large sets of complex fonts can make the system freeze up while rendering. **xfs** is multithreaded, so it can handle simultaneous requests, whereas the X server doesn’t handle multiple requests well.

If you choose to use the X font server, you have to start it before running X or have it started in the system runlevels; otherwise, X won’t start.

Using the **xfs** server (locally, pointing to local files) requires the following line in the **/etc/X11/xorg.conf**:

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FontPath "unix/:7100" [or "unix/:-1")