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About This Manual

The *Digital UNIX X Window System Environment* manual discusses various aspects of the X Window System (X11) Release 6 implementation on the Digital UNIX[®] (formerly DEC OSF/1) operating system. Digital has changed the name of its UNIX operating system from DEC OSF/1 to Digital UNIX. The new name reflects Digital's commitment to UNIX and its conformance to UNIX standards.

Audience

This manual provides general information as well as specific information about the X Window System as supplied by the Digital UNIX operating system. The audience for this information includes end users, system administrators, and applications programmers.

New and Changed Features

This manual has been revised to document X11 R6.

Organization

This document has four chapters:

Chapter 1	Provides introductory information and lists the books that this manual complements.
Chapter 2	Discusses X Window System system administration topics for Digital UNIX systems.
Chapter 3	Explains how to customize X environment resources and keysyms on Digital UNIX systems.
Chapter 4	Discusses X server extensions that are part of the Digital UNIX X Window System environment as well as other programming topics that apply to Digital UNIX systems.

Related Documents

The following books are part of the Digital UNIX hardcopy documentation set. The information in the *Digital UNIX X Window System Environment* supplements information found in these books:

- *X Window System Administrator's Guide*, Linda Mui and Eric Pearce, O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.
- *PostScript Language Reference Manual*, Adobe Systems Incorporated, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc.

For Digital UNIX, the X Consortium provides programming documentation. See the *Documentation Overview, Glossary, and Master Index* for information on where this documentation is located.

The following manuals are available on Digital UNIX through Bookreader as well as being part of the hardcopy documentation set:

- DECwindows User's Guide
- DECwindows Companion to the OSF/Motif Style Guide
- DECwindows Extensions to Motif
- DECwindows Motif Guide to Application Programming
- OSF/Motif Style Guide
- OSF/Motif Programmer's Guide

The following book provides extensive information about the Motif window interface, including topics on the mwm window manager, font specification, graphics utilities, and customizing your X Window System working environment:

• *X Window System User's Guide, OSF/Motif 1.2 Edition*, Valerie Quercia and Tim O'Reilly, O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.

Programmers creating Display PostScript applications can find detailed information in the following book:

• *Programming the Display PostScript System with X*, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc.

The Digital UNIX operating system includes online PostScript files of several technical papers from Adobe Systems Incorporated. These files are located in the /usr/share/doclib/dps directory.

Documents from the X Consortium describing the X Image Extension, Version 5, protocols and architecture are provided in PostScript files in the /usr/share/doclib/xie directory.

Reference pages document all Digital UNIX X Window System commands, OSF/Motif routines, DECwindows routines, and most X Window System routines. Use the man or xman command to review these pages.

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Programmers	Р	Purple
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90 \$	A percent sign represents the C shell system prompt. A dollar sign represents the system prompt for the Bourne and Korn shells.
% cat	Boldface type in interactive examples indicates typed user input.
file	Italic (slanted) type indicates variable values, placeholders, and function argument names.
[] { }	In syntax definitions, brackets indicate items that are optional and braces indicate items that are required. Vertical bars separating items inside brackets or braces indicate that you choose one item from among those listed.
cat(1)	A cross-reference to a reference page includes the appropriate section number in parentheses. For example, $cat(1)$ indicates that you can find information on the cat command in Section 1 of the reference pages.

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Introduction to the Digital UNIX Window System Environment

The X Window System that is part of the Digital UNIX operating system software is a standard X implementation. It conforms as closely as possible with the sample X Window System Release 6 (X11 R6) implementation from the X Consortium. This manual discusses everything except for the CDE environment. See *Common Desktop Environment: User's Guide* for information on CDE.

The Digital UNIX implementation includes the standard X client applications, such as xterm, xmh, xclock, twm, and editres. In addition, the Digital UNIX window environment provides Motif or CDE client applications and DECwindows client applications.

Digital UNIX contains CDE/Motif Release 1.0 and uses dtwm as the default window manager. Two X session styles are offered. CDE is the default X session. Information on CDE can be found in *Common Desktop Environment: User's Guide*. The previous DECwindows session manager is still available, as well as DECwindows applications such as dxsession, dxconsole, dxkeycaps, and dxterm.

Digital UNIX also includes PostScript and Display PostScript from Adobe Systems Inc.

All X Window System files in Digital UNIX are located in the standard directories, such as /usr/bin/X11 and /usr/lib/X11. See Section 2.3 for lists of the X Window System files and their locations. CDE files can be found in the/usr/dt directory.

This chapter lists windowing system documentation for end users, system administrators, and programmers. Chapter 2 discusses system administration topics; Chapter 3 explains how to customize X Window System resources; Chapter 4 contains programming information.

Documentation for the Digital UNIX X Window System Environment

The X Window System environment is used by three different audiences: end users, system administrators, and programmers. Some of the windows documentation that each of these groups can use is written by Digital; other pieces come from outside publishers. Some books from outside publishers are provided as part of the Digital UNIX hardcopy documentation set.

The following list summarizes the available documentation. For further information, see the *Documentation Overview, Glossary, and Master Index*.

DECwindows User's Guide

X Window System User's Guide, OSF/Motif 1.2 Edition (O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.)

X Window System Administrator's Guide (O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.)

X Window System Environment

X Window System (Digital Press)

X Window System Toolkit (Digital Press)

Inter-Client Communication Conventions Manual (X Consortium)

X Logical Font Description Conventions(X Consortium)

X Window System Protocol (X Consortium)

X Toolkit Intrinsics — C Language Interface (X Consortium)

Xlib — *C* Language X Interface (X Consortium)

DECwindows Extensions to Motif

DECwindows Companion to the OSF/Motif Style Guide

DECwindows Motif Guide to Application Programming

OSF/Motif Style Guide (P T R Prentice-Hall, Inc.)

OSF/Motif Programmer's Guide (P T R Prentice-Hall, Inc.)

Developing Applications for the Display PostScript System

PostScript Language Reference Manual (Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc.)

Programming the Display PostScript System with X

Common Desktop Environment: User's Guide

Common Desktop Environment: Advanced User's and System Administrator's Guide

Common Desktop Environment: Application Builder User's Guide

Common Desktop Environment: Desktop Kornshell User's Guide

Common Desktop Environment: Help System Author's and Programmer's Guide

Common Desktop Environment: Internationalization

Common Desktop Environment: Programmer's Guide

Common Desktop Environment: Programmer's Overview

Common Desktop Environment: Style Guide and Certification Checklist

Common Desktop Environment: ToolTalk Messaging Overview

Common Desktop Environment: Product Glossary

Display PostScript documents Adobe System Incorporated

PostScript Language Reference Manual Supplement /usr/share/doclib/dps/2015supplement.ps.Z

Display PostScript Developer TechNotes /usr/share/doclib/dps/Developer-TechNotes-Volume1.ps.Z

Adobe CID-Fonts Web Location /usr/share/doclib/dps/CID-Fonts.README

X Image Extension Version 5 documents X Consortium

X Image Extension Overview /usr/share/doclib/xie/overview.ps.gz XIElib Specification /usr/share/doclib/xie/xielib.ps.gz

XIE Sample Implementation Architecture /usr/share/doclib/xie/xieSIarch.ps.gz

X Image Extension Protocol Reference Manual, Version 5.0 /usr/share/doclib/xie/XIEProto.ps.gz

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X Window System Administration in the Digital UNIX Environment

This chapter provides information about administering the X Window System environment for systems running the Digital UNIX operating software. The *X Window System Administrator's Guide* (O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.) is included in the Digital UNIX hardcopy documentation set as the primary reference for information on how to manage X resources that control the X Window environment. Most of the information in that manual is generally applicable to the Digital UNIX implementation of the X Window System.

You should read the O'Reilly manual in conjunction with this manual. Section 2.2 in this manual provides a list of items in the O'Reilly manual that are handled differently or are not supported by the Digital UNIX implementation of the X Window System. Although the O'Reilly manuals have not been updated for X11 R6, they are still a valid resource.

This chapter includes information on the following topics:

- Display managers
- Locations of the X Window System files on Digital UNIX
- X Display Manager (xdm) and the login process
- Security and xdm authorization
- X Window System login problems
- X server management
- Graphics adapters
- Font server management
- X terminal management
- X server memory utilization

Many of these topics are covered in greater detail in the O'Reilly manual.

2.1 Choosing the xdm or the dtlogin Display Manager

You can configure your system to either the standard X11 R6 display manager xdm or the CDE display manager dtlogin. Run the /usr/sbin/xsetup script to switch between CDE and xdm. The xsetup script sets the value of the /etc/rc.config variable XLOGIN to be xdm or cde and will optionally restart your X display manager using the /sbin/init.d/xlogin script. When your system boots, the /sbin/init.d/xlogin script uses the value of the /etc/rc.config XLOGIN variable to determine whether to start xdm or CDE's dtlogin.

If for any reason you need to restart your X display manager, this can be done using xsetup, whether or not you choose to switch from one display manager to another. Alternatively, the X display manager can be stopped, started, or restarted using the /sbin/init.d/xlogin command with stop, start, or restart specified as the parameter.

For further information on configuring CDE and dtlogin, refer to *Common Desktop Environment: User's Guide*.

The information in the rest of this chapter primarily applies if you choose to run xdm. While dtlogin is similar to xdm and uses the same methods and concepts, there are important differences in the details.

2.2 Administrator's Guide – Digital UNIX Differences

Table 2–1 lists specific sections in the *X Window System Administrator's Guide* (O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.) where the information does not apply to the Digital UNIX X Window System environment. (The differences do not in any way reflect errors or omissions on the part of the authors of that manual.)

Section	Difference
Section 1.1.3	Digital UNIX does not support OPEN LOOK.
Section 2.2.3.1	The information in the third and fourth paragraphs is true if you are using a .xsession script in your home directory. If you are using dxsession (the default), this information does not apply. See the dxsession($1X$) reference page for details.

Table 2–1: Digital UNIX Implementation-Specific Differences

Section	Difference
Section 2.4	The xinit command is not supported by Digital UNIX Version 4.0
Section 3.5.4.1	The information about the Athena-style login box does not apply to the default Motif style login box used by the Digital UNIX X server. To customize the Motif style login box, modify the Xresources configuration file. To use an Athena style login box, modify the xdm configuration file to specify /usr/shlib/X11/libXdmGreet.so for the DisplayManager.greeterLib resource.
Section 3.5.4.2	The dxconsole client is started by default, not the xconsole client. The dxconsole client presents the Motif interface.
Section 3.5.5	The default Xsession file on the installation kit differs in a number of ways from the Xsession file shown in this section. The major difference is the invocation of dxsession and the affect that dxsession has on the window environment. See the $xdm(1X)$ and $dxsession(1X)$ reference pages for details.
Section 3.7	This section does not describe how the xdm client is installed on Digital UNIX systems. When the boot process goes into multiuser mode, the symbolic links in /sbin/rc3.d are run in sequence as they appear in the directory. The last file to be run is a symbolic link to the xdm script , /sbin/init.d/xdm.
Section 4.2.2	The xrsh command is not supported. Note that xon can be used as an alternative unless it is necessary to send authorization information to remote hosts.
Section 4.4	The SUN-DES-1 mechanism for display access control is not supported.
Section 5.1.4	The font paths shown in the example output for the $xset$ commands differ from the default font paths on Digital UNIX systems.
Section 5.5.2	To start the font server at boot time, create a symbolic link to a script in the /sbin/rc3.d directory.
Section 7.3.1	The rarpd daemon is not supported.
Section E.4	Much of the information in this section does not apply to Digital UNIX. See Section 2.2 for information on X server files on the Digital UNIX Version 4.0 installation kit.

2.3 Locations of the X Window System Files

The file locations shown in the following list reflect the locations of the X Window System files as established by the workstation installation kits.

Files	Contents
/usr/bin/X11	X binaries. (In some previous X implementations, some X binaries were located in /usr/bin.)
/usr/bin/X11/demos	Binaries of X demo programs.
/usr/examples	Example files and (possibly) program sources.
/usr/include/DPS	Display PostScript header files.
/usr/include/DXm	DECwindows Motif widget header files.
/usr/include/Mrm	Motif resource manager header files.
/usr/include/uil	User Interface Language (UIL) header files.
/usr/include/X11	X11 header files.
/usr/include/X11/bitmaps	
	Bitmaps used by various window managers and applications.
/usr/include/X11/extension	ons
	Header files for extensions to X11 R6. (The extensions are discussed in Chapter 3.)
/usr/include/X11/ICE	InterClient Exchange library header files.
/usr/include/X11/SM	Session management library header files.
/usr/include/X11/Xaw	Athena widget header files.
/usr/include/X11/Ximp	Header files for libXimp.
/usr/include/Xm	Motif header files.
/usr/include/X11/Xmu	X utility header files.
usr/include/X11/Xserver	Header files for loadable X server libraries.

/usr/lib/dxbook	Bookreader (dxbook) bookshelves and documents for Digital UNIX Version 4.0
/usr/lib/lib*	Developers' libraries (static versions).
/usr/lib/X11/app-defaults	Application default files used by applications to define default interface configurations and, in some cases, layout of applications.
/usr/lib/X11/locale/C	
	Internationalization files.
/usr/lib/X11/config	Configuration files that can be used to build Makefiles from Imakefiles so that developers can use more generic build configurations for their applications. These configuration files define the proper configuration parameters for the system.
/usr/lib/X11/DPS	Display PostScript configuration files that denote the location of fonts and the DPS kernel file (masterDPSVM).
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/100dpi	
	The 100 dpi fonts from the X Consortium.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/75dpi	The 75 dpi fonts from the X Consortium.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/decwir	n/100dpi
	The 100 dpi DECwindows fonts.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/decwir	n/75dpi
	The 75 dpi DECwindows fonts.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/misc	Fonts from the X Consortium.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/Speedo	Speedo scalable fonts.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/Type1	
	Type1 scalable fonts.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/TypelA	adobe
	Adobe Type1 scalable fonts.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/TypelA	Adobe/afm
	Font metrics files.

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/usr/lib/X11/fonts/user/100dpi
                               The 100 dpi fonts from layered products and local
                               installations.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/user/75dpi
                               The 75 dpi fonts from layered products and local
                               installations.
/usr/lib/X11/fonts/user/misc
                               Other fonts from layered products and local
                               installations.
/usr/lib/X11/fs
                               Font server configuration and error log files.
/usr/lib/X11/help
                               Directories in this directory contain the help files
                               for various applications.
/usr/lib/X11/ja
                               Internationalization files.
/usr/lib/X11/japan
                               Internationalization files.
/usr/lib/X11/locale
                               Internationalization files.
/usr/lib/X11/keymaps
                               Alternate keymaps for different international
                               keyboards.
/usr/lib/X11/nls
                               Natural language support for native character
                               mappings.
/usr/lib/X11/nls/local_im_tbl
                               Internationalization files.
/usr/lib/X11/rgb*
                               Color database used by the server to convert color
                               names to red-green-blue values.
/usr/lib/X11/system.mwmrc
                               Default systemwide configuration file for mwm.
                               Default configuration information for twm.
/usr/lib/X11/twm
/usr/lib/X11/uid
                               User interface control files used by some
                               applications.
/usr/lib/X11/x11perfcomp
                               Utility scripts for reformatting x11perf output.
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XKB keymap files.

/usr/var/X11/xkb

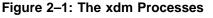
/usr/lib/X11/xkb	XKB keymap files.
/usr/bin/X11/xkbcomp	
	XKB keymap compiler.
/usr/bin/X11/xkbprint	
	XKB keymap to PostScript generator.
/usr/bin/X11/xkbdfltmap	
	Determines the default keymap based on the console, language, and keyboard.
/usr/bin/X11/dxkbledpanel	Displays a graphical user interface of the available XKB indicators. Used primarily to show the current keyboard group. Replaces the kb_indicator application.
/var/X11/xdm	X Display Manager configuration and resource files, and the xdm error log. (The file /usr/lib/X11/xdm is a link to /var/X11/xdm.)
/usr/lib/X11/XErrorDB	Error messages used by the X library.
/usr/lib/X11/XKeysymDB	The keysym mappings for X toolkit based applications.
/var/X11/Xserver.conf	
	Configuration information file for the X server. (The file /usr/lib/X11/Xserver.conf is a link to /var/X11/Xserver.conf.)
/usr/share/uwsvers	Workstation software version file.
/usr/shlib	Run-time shared libraries.
/usr/shlib/X11	Run-time shared libraries for the X server, font server, and ${\rm xdm}.$
/usr/shlib/_null	Older versions of sharable libraries.
/var/X11/fs	<pre>Font server configuration files. (The file /usr/lib/X11/fs is a link to /var/X11/fs.conf.)</pre>

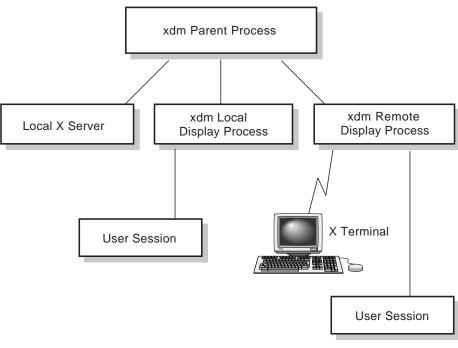
2.4 X Display Manager (xdm) and the Login Process

The X Display Manager (xdm) manages user sessions on both local and remote displays. On Digital UNIX systems, the xdm utility provides the mechanism for logging in to the X display and then starts certain client applications automatically.

The xdm utility creates child processes for each display both locally and remotely. The xdm utility is an X client that manages user session elements, such as logging in, authentication, and default resource set up. System administrators can use xdm to make systemwide configurations of the X Window System environment.

Figure 2–1 shows the kinds of processes that xdm manages.





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The xdm daemon starts when the system boots in multiuser mode, so it is ready to manage the login process. The following list shows the steps involved in the login process on Digital UNIX systems:

1. The system uses the following command during the booting procedure to start the xdm daemon:

/sbin/init.d/xlogin start

On Digital UNIX systems, the xdm daemon is started by an initialization script that is run using the following link:

/sbin/rc3.d/S95xlogin -> ../init.d/xlogin

2. The xdm program reads its main configuration file:

/usr/var/X11/xdm/xdm-config

- 3. The xdm program listens on its socket for requests from any X terminals.
- 4. The xdm program forks a child process for managing the local display.
- 5. The xdm program displays the login box (login widget) on the local display. For this procedure, xdm executes the following steps:
 - a. Secures the display.
 - b. Loads Xresources from the X server resource database utility xrdb. Loading the resources sets the display characteristics for the xdm login box.
 - c. Runs the Xsetup_0 setup script on the local display.
 - d. Displays the login box (login widget) on the local display.
- 6. The user enters his or her name and password in the login box. User authentication takes place ensures that the user is allowed to access this display.
- 7. The login widget is destroyed and xdm runs the GiveConsole startup script on the local display using the root uid.
- 8. The X session starts up as a child process using the user's id (uid). The startup action involves executing the /var/X11/xdm/Xsession script which either runs the user's \$HOME/.xsession script or dxsession.
- 9. The user exits the session.

- 10. The xdm program runs the /var/X11/xdm/TakeConsole script on the local display using root's uid.
- 11. The xdm local display process exits. At this point the workstation returns to the state it was in at step 4, where xdm forks a child process for managing the local display and displays the login widget. The workstation is ready for a user to log in.

On Digital UNIX, the /var/X11/xdm directory contains the following files:

• GiveConsole

This script is run when xdm starts up and changes the ownership of the console, /dev/console, from root to the user. The script only runs on the local display. (It cannot be used with X terminals.)

• TakeConsole

This script is run when xdm is reset and returns ownership of the console, /dev/console, from the user to root. The script only runs on the local display. (It cannot be used with X terminals.)

• Xaccess

This configuration file controls how xdm responds to different queries from the X Display Manager Control Protocol (XDMCP). This file is used to manage X terminals.

Xkeymaps

This file defines the mapping between language and keyboard and the corresponding keymap file in the /usr/lib/X11/keymaps directory. Whenever the server is started or reset, the keymap is loaded into the X server by xdm using the xmodmap command.

The value of the console language variable and the keyboard type are retrieved from the kernel and used as an index into the Xkeymaps table to define the appropriate keymap.

Xresources

This file contains resource specifications that are loaded into the X server's resource database, xrdb, before the login widget is displayed. These resources affect the appearance of the login window and screen (either dxlogin or xlogin), the background color of all clients, as well as the appearance of the clients which are started by xdm: xconsole, dxconsole, and chooser.

The dxlogin resources can control the following elements:

- Digital logo pixmap, clipmask, foreground color, background color, and login box position
- Root window color
- Greeting text, font, and color
- Prompt text as well as color and font for both the prompt and answer

The default background color for all clients is #ca94aa469193, which is a light tan.

• Xservers

This file defines the command that starts the server on the local display. More entries for workstations or X terminals can be added as needed.

The default definition for the UNIX socket transport (DISPLAY :0) is:

:0 local /usr/bin/X11/X

The default definition for the Shared Memory Transport (SMT) (DISPLAY local:0) is:

local:0 local /usr/bin/X11/X

This file can also be used to specify entries for X terminals that do not support XDMCP.

• Xservers.fs

The file is read by file server systems that use the xdm-config.fs configuration file. This file is used to specify entries for X terminals that do not support XDMCP.

Xsession

This initial startup script is executed under the user's uid to run the login session. If a HOME/.xsession script is available, it runs. Otherwise, xdm runs the default session, dxsession, which is the DECwindows Session Manager.

• Xsetup_0

This script is used only to configure the local X server; it cannot be used with remote X terminals. The script attempts to determine the display

resolution and uses that information to set the appropriate font path. It also starts dxconsole, unless an alternate console is being used.

• keymap_default

The xdm program links to the appropriate keymap file in /usr/lib/X11/keymaps.

xdm-config

This configuration file contains the values for a number of DisplayManager resources.

• xdm-config.fs

This version of the xdm_config file is for use by server systems that do not have a local graphics display.

xdm-errors

This file is an error log file. Both ${\tt xdm}$ and the X server write all error messages to this file.

xdm-pid

Once this file records the xdm process id, it is locked to prevent multiple invocations of xdm.

The following files are the default and alternate greeter modules. They are located in the /usr/shlib/X11 directory:

libXdmDecGreet.so
libXdmGreet.so

These files provide the login box for users. The greeter module presents the login interface and authenticates the user. This module is dynamically loaded by xdm. The libXdmDecGreet.so file uses OSF/Motif-style widgets. The libXdmGreet.so file uses Athena-style widgets. The greeter module is dynamically loaded by xdm.

The OSF/Motif-style greeter is the default. It displays the Digital logo and login box. It uses the Security Integration Architecture (SIA) to provide improved security.

The Athena-style greeter uses the standard X Consortium graphical user interface (GUI). It does not use SIA and therefore cannot be used with enhanced C2 security.

2.5 Security and xdm Authorization

Because the X Window System runs in a networked environment, any other host on the network can access individual workstation unless some kind of security mechanism is in place. The X Window System design makes it possible for any client that is able to connect to a workstation's X server to have complete control over that workstation's display. As a result, a client can take control of the mouse or keyboard, send keystrokes to any application running on the workstation, or kill windows in which other applications are running.

This section presents a summary of the X security environment. Refer to the *X Window System Administrator's Guide* for details about implementing X security mechanisms for your system.

There are two approaches to X Window System security: host-based security and user-based security. The next sections briefly discuss each type.

2.5.1 Host-Based Security

With host-based access control, only local clients are accepted by default. X Window System administrators can use the /usr/bin/X11/xhost client application to add or delete host names as well as user names from a list of those allowed to connect to the X server. The xhost program uses host names to limit host connections. Therefore, there is no security among users on an individual host; only security among hosts.

Another host-based security mechanism involves using the /etc/Xn.hosts file to list systems that can access the local server, specified by n. However, this method is not recommended because it is hard to maintain a truly limited list of hosts if more than one user has access to the workstation where the list resides and because the method allows access to the X server at any time, even when the xdm login window appears.

2.5.2 User-Based Security

Digital UNIX supports two types of user-based X access control authorization mechanisms: MIT-MAGIC-COOKIE-1 and XDM-AUTHORIZATION-1.

The xdm-config resources DisplayManager.*DISPLAY*.authorize and DisplayManager.*DISPLAY*.authName control whether xdm uses

authorization for local displays. X terminals using XDMCP negotiate with xdm to determine which mechanism to use.

When both the host workstation and the X server are configured to use MIT-MAGIC-COOKIE-1 or XDM_AUTHORIZATION-1, a machine-readable code is placed in the ~/Xauthority file in your home directory every time you log in under xdm control. The term used for this machine-readable code is the *magic cookie*. The X server is informed of the same *magic cookie* for the current session. The code is stored in a file in the /usr/lib/X11/xdm/ directory, which the X server reads using its -auth capability.

Whenever a client application starts, it must supply the correct *magic cookie* code from the ~/Xauthority file to the X server to open the display. Since the permissions on this file are restricted to read/write for the user, only clients that the user starts have permission to read the *magic cookie* code. The assumption is that if the user starts the client application, he or she wants that application to have permission to run on the user's workstation.

You can use the xauth program to propagate the *magic cookie* code from one host to another. This feature allows users to run client applications on other workstations that do not share their home directory.

2.6 Solving X Window System Login Problems

This section describes some useful techniques for solving problems you might encounter when trying to log in to the X Window System environment. The first section discusses possible causes for login problems. The second section describes using the failsafe mode to correct various login problems.

2.6.1 Login Problems

If you cannot log in at all to your workstation, you should check for errors in the following places:

• \$HOME/.xsession-errors

This file contains errors generated by your own user account.

/usr/lib/X11/xdm-errors

This file contains ${\tt xdm}$ errors that are not limited to your own user account.

The following list describes the most common login problems and likely causes:

• After you enter your name and password in the login box, the screen immediately resets, redisplaying the login box.

Possible causes for these problems are as follows:

- There might be errors in the \$HOME/.xsession script. For example, if there is an ampersand (&) on the last command line in the file, there would be no controlling process for the X session and the session would exit immediately.
- If your user disk and /tmp file system are both more than 100% full, you cannot log in because there is no space to write the .Xauthority file.
- If the /usr/lib/X11/xdm/Xsession script was customized, errors might have been introduced accidentally.
- You are able to log in, but only a single terminal window appears.

The Xsession script has resorted to failsafe mode. Possible causes are as follows:

- The user disk is more than 100% full.
- The user's home directory is not writable.
- No login box appears on the local display and there is no X server.

If you encounter this problem, check the /usr/lib/X11/xdm-errors file for error messages. Possible causes for these error messages are as follows:

- There are problems in the /usr/lib/X11/Xserver.conf file.
- There are problems in the /usr/lib/X11/xdm/xdm-config file or the files that it references.
- You cannot log in to an X display as root.

For root login to an X display to be allowed, the name of the display must be listed in the /etc/securettys file for your workstation. If the display name is listed in that file, you can log in as root to the X display. The /etc/securettys file usually includes the entries :0 and local:0 to allow root login to the local display. You can add entries for remote X terminals or X displays so you can log in remotely as root from those machines.

2.6.2 Failsafe Mode

When you have problems logging in to your workstation, you can use failsafe mode to bring up a terminal window. You can use this terminal window to perform operations that can solve some of the login problems outlined in the previous section. Failsafe mode bypasses the .xsession script and dxsession session manager to display a single dxterm window. You can use this dxterm window to debug your .xsession script.

You can invoke the failsafe mode by pressing the F1 or F2 key after typing your password in the login box. Do not press the Return key.

If you are able to log in, but only a single terminal window appears, you are already in failsafe mode.

Once you are in failsafe mode, you can check the errors in the xdm-errors file; check for errors in the xsession script, Xsession file, Xserver-conf file, or xdm-config file; or delete files if the user disk is full.

2.7 Managing the X Server

The X server consists of components that are all located in dynamically loadable libraries. The libraries are in the following directory:

/usr/shlib/X11

There are libraries for device support as well as others for X server extensions and font renderers. Section 4.1 provides descriptions of the X server extensions that the Digital UNIX operating system supports.

You specify which libraries you want loaded in the /usr/var/X11/Xserver.conf resource file.

On Digital UNIX systems, the X Window System programming extensions are built and dynamically loaded as sharable libraries. The X protocol requires that client applications must call the XQueryExtension function before using an extension. The XQueryExtension function returns extension information such as the base request number, number of requests, base error number, number of errors, and version string. With this mechanism in place, the X server can defer loading any extension libraries until a client requests a specific extension. When the X server receives an XQueryExtension protocol request, it loads and initializes the appropriate extension library if that library has not previously been loaded.

In real time, this loading causes a slight delay in processing the first request for an extension library. However, no such delay is experienced during server start up. When the X server is shut down, it closes all libraries that were loaded on demand and returns to its zero state.

The extension library on Digital UNIX consists of the following sharable libraries. The first four libraries are loaded at server startup time; the remaining libraries are loaded on demand.

- libxkb.so
- libextshm.so
- libextMultibuf.so
- libextshape.so
- libextMITMisc.so
- libextScrnSvr.so
- libextxtest.so
- libextkme.so
- libextSync.so
- libextXCMisc.so
- libextbigreq.so
- libextxtrap.so
- lib_adobe.dps.ps
- libdixie.so
- libmixie.so
- libxinput.so
- libdbe.so

Example 2–1 shows the default ${\tt Xserver.conf}$ resource file that Digital UNIX provides.

Example 2–1: Xserver.conf Resource File

! Default configuration file for extensible X server ! no other sysyem files are needed ! no other core files are needed 1 ! device < ! > ! You can set alternate library search paths here or supplement the ! default path. ! library path < /newserver/fonts/lib/font:/usr/shlib > ! Add a few more extensions extensions < libextdpms.so DPMSExtensionInit DPMS > < extdpms < dbe libdbe.so DbeExtensionInit DOUBLE-BUFFER > < extshape libextshape.so ShapeExtensionInit SHAPE > < extMultibuf libextMultibuf.so MultibufferExtensionInit Multi-Buffering > ! The KME extension is obsolete functionality that supports lock down ! and latching modifiers. It has been replaced by the XKB extension ! and is only provided here for interoperability with R5 servers. < extkme libextkme.so KMEInit Keyboard-Management-Extension >
< extMITMi libextMITMisc. MITMiscExtensionInit MIT-SUNDRY-NONSTANDARD > < extScrnSvr libextScrnSvr.so ScreenSaverExtensionInit MIT-SCREEN-SAVER > < extSync libextSync.so SyncExtensionInit SYNC > libextxtest.so XTestExtensionInit < extxtest XTEST > libextbigreq.so BigReqExtensionInit BIG-REQUESTS > libextXCMisc.so XCMiscExtensionInit XC-MISC > < extbigreq < extXCMisc ! add the xtrap extension < extxtrap libextxtrap.so DEC_XTRAPInit DEC-XTRAP > ! add the video extension along with device specific handlers ! for the TX device XvExtensionInit XVideo libxv.so < xv < _dec_xv_tx lib_dec_xv_tx.so XvropScreenInit PMAG-R0 > < _dec_xv_tx lib_dec_xv_tx.so XvropScreenInit PMAG-JA > > ! add the X imaging extension !not R6 < _dec_xie lib_dec_xie.so Xie3Init</pre> Xie > < dixie libdixie.so XieInit XTE < mixie libmixie.so > < _adobe_dps lib_adobe_dps.so XDPSExtensionDeferredInit Adobe-DPS-Extension > < _adobe_dps lib_adobe_dps.so XDPSExtensionDeferredInit DPSExtension > > ! Load Speedo and Typel renderers and ! enable communication with a font server font_renderers < < fr_fs libfr_fs.so fs_register_fpe_functions > < fr_Speedo libfr_Speedo.so SpeedoRegisterFontFileFunctions >

Example 2–1: Xserver.conf Resource File (cont.)

<pre>< fr_Typel libfr_Typel.so TypelRegisterFontFileFunctions > ></pre>
! Enable X Input Devices !input <
<pre>! Dial and Button Box on port /dev/tty01 ! < _dec_xi_pcm lib_dec_xi_pcm.so XiPcmInit /dev/tty01 ></pre>
! ! Serial Mouse. Use the following format for the last parameter:
! ! device:type:baud:emulate3:chordmid:samplerate:cleardtr:clearrts:core
! where
: ! device: The port the device is connectd to. ! For example, /dev/tty00. /dev/tty00 is the ! default.
! type: The mouse type. It must be one of the following ! strings (case does not matter): microsoft ! mousesystems mmseries logitech busmouse mouseman ! ps/2 mmhittab. mousesystems is the default.
<pre>baud: The baud rate of the mouse. Mine is 1200, I think contern will do 9600. 1200 is the default.</pre>
<pre>! emulate3: Either 0 or 1. 1 means emulate a 3 button mouse ! with a 2 button mouse. This is not implemented yet, ! though 0 is the default.</pre>
: ! chordmid: Either 0 or 1. Some 3 button mice treat MB2 kind of ! whacky. A value of 1 supports those meesers. 0 is ! the default.
! samplerate: The sample rate of the mouse. I don't have a mouse ! that supports this, so I don't know what it does. ! 150 is the default.
! ! cleardtr: Either 0 or 1. 1 means clear the DTR signal for ! the port before using the mouse. 0 is the default.
: ! clearrts: Either 0 or 1. 1 means clear the RTS signal for ! the port before using the mouse. 0 is the default.
core: Either 0 or 1. 1 means make this emulate the core device. 0 means make it a two relative motion valuator, n-button X Input Device. 0 isn't implemented yet. 1 is the default.
! ! <_dec_xi_serial_mouse lib_dec_xi_serial_mouse.so XiSerialMouseInit /dev/tty00:
microsoft:1200:1 > !> ! transport and auth protocol library loading is not yet supported

! transport and auth_protocol library loading is not yet supported

! you specify command line arguments here args <

Example 2–1: Xserver.conf Resource File (cont.)

-pn >!

The following three Xserver command flags are especially useful in managing the X server. For more complete information on the Digital UNIX Xdec and Xserver command, see the Xdec(1X) reference page.

-terminate

This flag causes the server to exit rather than to reset.

You can also achieve the same effect by setting the following xdm resources in the xdm-config file:

- DisplayManager._0.terminateServer: true
- DisplayManager.local._0.terminateServer: true
- -edge_left scr1 scr2
- -edge_right scr1 scr2

You use one of these flags to connect the edges of screens in a multihead display configuration.

-fp fontpath

You can use this flag to set the default font path. The path consists of a comma-separated list of directories for the X server to search to find the font databases. Make sure that all components of the list are valid font directories or else the X server will exit.

The X server has been modified to query the kernel automatically for the language and keyboard of the console. Given this information, the X server will examine the contents of the /usr/lib/X11/xkb/keymaps.dir file to determine which default keymap to use. The X server will then compile the keymap, place the compiled version in the directory

/usr/lib/X11/xkb/compiled, and load it. This feature has been enabled by default. To disable it, add the -noloadxkb switch to the command line. If you wish to disable the XKB extension altogether, add the -kb switch to the command line. See the Xdec(1X) reference page or run Xdec with the -? option for more information.

2.8 Graphics Adapters

This section lists many of the graphics adapters supported by Digital UNIX. (Absence of any adapter from this list does not necessarily mean that the adapter is not supported.) Some graphics adapters require the DEC Open3D software product for full three-dimensional support.

PMAGB-B HX Smart Frame Buffer (SFB)	PMAGB-BA/BB 72HZ 1280x1024 -or- 66HZ 1280x1024 PMAGB-BC/BD 72HZ 1280x1024 -or- 60HZ 1024x864 PMAGB-BE/BF 72HZ 1280x1024 -or- 66HZ 1280x1024
	Supported by lib_dec_sfb.so
PMAGD-A HX+ 8-Plane Smart Frame Buffer Plus (SFB+)	PMAGD-AA HX+ 72HZ 1280x1024
	Supported by lib_dec_ffb.so
PMAGD-B HX+ 24-Plane Smart Frame Buffer Plus with	PMAGD-BA HX+ 72HZ 1280X1024
no Z-buffer(SFB+)	Supported by lib_dec_ffb.so
PMAGD-C HX+ 24-Plane Smart Frame Buffer Plus with	PMAGD-CA HX+ 72HZ 1280X1024
Z-buffer(SFB+)	Supported by lib_dec_ffb.so
PMAGB-J TX 24-plane frame buffer	PMAGB-JA/JB TX 72HZ 1280x1024 PMAG=JA/JB TX 72HZ 1280X1024 A10U-AA/DA Picture-in-Picture option card for TX
	Supported by lib_dec_tx.so
PMAGC-AA ZLX-M1 graphics accelerator	PMAGC-AA ZLX-M1 graphics adapter
	Supported by lib_dec_pvg.so
PMAGC-BA ZLX-M2 graphics accelerator	PMAGC-BA ZLX-M2 graphics adapter

	Supported by lib_dec_pvg.so
PMAGC-DA ZLX-L1 graphics accelerator	PMAGC-DA ZLX-L1 graphics adapter
	Supported by lib_dec_pvl.so
PMAGC-EA ZLX-L2 graphics accelerator	PMAGC-EA ZLX-L2 graphics adapter
	Supported by lib_dec_pvl.so
PB2GA-AA QVision Triton EISA graphics adapter	PB2GA-AA Triton 72HZ 1024x768
	Supported by lib_dec_triton.so
PB2GA-FA ATI Mach64 PCI VGA graphics adapter	PB2GA-FA ATI Mach64 PCI VGA graphics adapter PB2GA-FA Mach64 72HZ 800X600 PB2GA-FA Mach64 70HZ 1024X768 (Default hz & resolution) PB2GA-FA Mach64 66HZ 1280X1024 PB2GA-FA Mach64 70HZ 1280X1024 PB2GA-FA Mach64 72HZ 1280X1024 Note that 1280X1024 is only available on
	cards with at least 2MB RAM
PB2GA-FB ATI Mach64 ISA VGA graphics adapter	Supported by lib_dec_ati64.so PB2GA-FA Mach64 72HZ 640X480 PB2GA-FA Mach64 72HZ 800X600 PB2GA-FA Mach64 70HZ 1024X768 (Default hz & resolution) PB2GA-FA Mach64 66HZ 1280X1024 PB2GA-FA Mach64 70HZ 1280X1024 PB2GA-FA Mach64 72HZ 1280X1024
	Note that 1280X1024 is only available on cards with at least 2MB RAM
	Supported by lib_dec_ati64.so
Cirrus 5422 VGA graphics adapter (embedded on Alphaserver 1000)	Cirrus 5422 60HZ 640X480 Cirrus 5422 56HZ 800x600
	Supported by lib_dec_cirrus.so
PB2GA-J Trio64 60HZ 640X480	PB2GA-J Trio64 60HZ 640X480

PB2GA-J Trio64 72HZ 640X480 PB2GA-J Trio64 60HZ 800X600 PB2GA-J Trio64 72HZ 800X600 PB2GA-J Trio64 60HZ 1024X768 PB2GA-J Trio64 70HZ 1024X768 (Default hz & resolution) PB2GA-J Trio64 72HZ 1024X768 PB2GA-J Trio64 60HZ 1280X1024 PB2GA-J Trio64 66HZ 1280X1024

Note that 1280X1024 is only available on cards with at least 2MB RAM

PBXGA-AA HX+ 72HZ 1280X1024

Supported by lib_dec_s3.so

PBXGA-A HX+ 8-Plane Smart Frame Buffer Plus for PCI (SFB+)

PBXGA-B HX+ 24-Plane Smart Frame Buffer Plus for PCI with no Z-buffer(SFB+)

PBXGA-C HX+ 24-Plane Smart Frame Buffer Plus for PCI with Z-buffer(SFB+)

PBXGC-A ZLXp-L1 graphics accelerator

PBXGC-B ZLXp-L2 graphics accelerator

PBXGB-A TGA2 8mb Smart Frame Buffer for PCI

PBXGB-C TGA2 Smart Frame Buffer for PCI Supported by lib_dec_ffb.so

PBXGA-BA HX+ 72HZ 1280X1024

Supported by lib_dec_ffb.so

PBXGA-CA HX+ 72HZ 1280X1024

Supported by lib_dec_ffb.so

PBXGC-AA ZLXp-L1 graphics adapter

Supported by lib_dec_pvp.so

PBXGC-BA ZLXp-L2 graphics adapter

Supported by lib_dec_pvp.so

PBXGB-AA TGA2 graphics adapter

PBXGB-AA TGA2 graphics adapter

Supported by lib_dec_ffb.so

PBXGB-CA TGA2 graphics adapter

Supported by lib_dec_ffb.so

In addition, the X Window System environment on Digital UNIX supports the following monitors:

VRT16-HA/H4 16" 66/72HZ 1280x1024 VRT19-HA/H4 19" 66/72HZ 1280x1024 VRM17-HA/H4 17" 72HZ 1280x1024 VR319-DA/D4 19" 72HZ 1280x1024 VR320-Dx 19" 72HZ 1280x1024 VR320-Cx 19" 66HZ 1280x1024 VR160-Dx 16" 60HZ 1280x1024 VR297-Dx 19" 60HZ 1024x864 VR290-x 19" 60HZ 1024x864 VR299-Dx 19" 60HZ 1024x864 VR299-Dx 19" 60HZ 1024x864 VRC16-Cx 17" 72HZ 1024x768

2.9 Font Server Management

In Digital UNIX, /usr/bin/X11/xfs is the X Window System font server. The font server supplies fonts to the X Window System display servers.

For X11 R6, the font server was renamed from fs to xfs. For compatibility, the symbolic link/usr/bin/X11/fs —> xfs is provided on Digital UNIX. Most X11 R5 and X11 R6 X servers can communicate with a font server. For example, Digital VXT V2.1 X terminals can communicate with the font server in the Digital UNIX operating system.

For Digital UNIX, the font server loads the following configuration file by default:

```
/var/X11/fs/config
```

Example 2–2 shows the default configuration file. Note that on the Digital UNIX system, the catalogues and renderers lines are not separated as shown in the example.

Example 2–2: Font Server config File

```
# font server configuration file
# $XConsortium: config.cpp,v 1.7 91/08/22 11:39:59 rws Exp $
clone-self = on
use-syslog = off
```

Example 2–2: Font Server config File (cont.)

```
catalogue = /usr/lib/X11/fonts/decwin/100dpi/,
            /usr/lib/X11/fonts/decwin/75dpi/,
            /usr/lib/X11/fonts/misc/,
            /usr/lib/X11/fonts/75dpi/,
            /usr/lib/X11/fonts/100dpi/,
            /usr/lib/X11/fonts/Type1Adobe/,
            /usr/var/X11/fonts/user/misc/,
            /usr/var/X11/fonts/user/100dpi/,
           /usr/var/X11/fonts/user/75dpi/
error-file = /usr/var/X11/fs/fs-errors
# in decipoints
default-point-size = 120
default-resolutions = 75,75,100,100
renderers = libfr_Type1.so;
            TypelRegisterFontFileFunctions,libfr_Speedo.so;
            SpeedoRegisterFontFileFunctions
```

The following list explains the elements in the file:

• clone-self

This line indicates whether the font server should try to clone itself or use delegates when it reaches the limit for number of clients. By default, the Digital UNIX font server clones itself when the limit is reached.

use-syslog

This line indicates whether or not syslog() is used for font server error logging. For Digital UNIX, the value is set to off, which means that, by default, errors are logged to the error-file specified in this configuration file.

• catalogue

This line contains the list of font directories that are available by default from the Digital UNIX font server.

• error-file

This line lists the pathname of the error log file. This file is used instead of syslog(). If you encounter problems after you have modified the configuration file, check the

/usr/lib/X11/fs/fs-errors log file to debug your changes.

• default-point-size

This line indicates the default point size for any font request that does not specify a point size. Note that the point size is specified in decipoints, so that a value of 120 indicates a point size of 12.

• default-resolutions

This line lists the default resolutions supported by the Digital UNIX font server. The values are given in pairs of horizontal and vertical resolutions per inch.

renderers

This line defines the dynamically loaded renderer libraries for scalable fonts. These renderer libraries are the same font renderer libraries that can be loaded by the X server.

2.9.1 Using the Font Server

To use the font server, you need to add the appropriate port to your font path. For Digital UNIX, the default port number is 7100. The default port number is the registered port 7100. (Note that many R5 implementations used port 7000 which was not registered. Use the following syntax to add the font server to your font path:

```
xset +fp tcp/hostname:7100
```

Replace the *hostname* variable with the name of the system where the font server is running.

You can create a script that automatically starts the font server when you boot your system in multiuser mode. Add a symbolic link to your script in /sbin/rc3.d. For example:

/sbin/rc3.d/S94fs -> ../init.d/fs

For more details, see the rc3(8) reference page.

The following example shows a sample font server initialization script:

```
#!/sbin/sh
PATH=/sbin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
export PATH
#
# Control X font server
```

```
#
case $1 in
\langle ' start \rangle \rangle
    if [ -f /usr/bin/X11/xfs ]
    then
      /usr/bin/X11/fs -config /usr/lib/X11/fs/config -port 7100
&
    else
        echo "WARNING: Font server not found."
        exit 1
    fi
    ;;
\'restart \')
 $0 stop
 sleep 5
 $0 start
    ;;
\ \
    pid='/bin/ps -e | grep '/usr/bin/X11/fs' |
        sed -e 's/^ *//' -e 's/ .*//' | head -1'
    if [ "X$pid" != "X" ]
    then
        /bin/kill $pid
    fi
    ;;
esac
```

2.9.2 Font Server Client Utility Applications

Digital UNIX includes several font server client utilities: fsinfo, fslsfonts, fstobdf, and showfont. The following list shows how to invoke each utility and provides a brief description. See the reference page for each utility for more information.

• fsinfo

The fsinfo utility displays information about an X font server. You can use it to examine the capabilities of the server currently running on your system. The display shows predefined values for various parameters that are used for communication between clients and the server. The display also lists the font catalogues and alternate servers that are available.

The following example shows the default fsinfo display for a Digital UNIX system named COFFEE:

```
% fsinfo -server tcp/coffee:7100
```

fslsfonts

You can use the fslsfonts utility to display a list of all the fonts served by the current font server. The following example shows a partial display for the default Digital UNIX font server on a system named COFFEE:

```
% fslsfonts -server tcp/coffee:7100
adobe-avantgarde-demi-i-normal--0-0-0-0-p-0-iso8859-1
adobe-avantgarde-demi-r-normal--0-0-0-p-0-iso8859-1
adobe-avantgarde-medium-i-normal--0-0-0-0-p-0-iso8859-1
adobe-avantgarde-medium-r-normal--0-0-0-0-p-0-iso8859-1
adobe-courier-bold-i-normal--0-0-0-p-0-iso8859-1
.
.
```

You can also use the fslsfonts utility to list the fonts that match a specified pattern. See the fslsfonts(1X) reference page for details.

• fstobdf

The fstobdf utility reads a font from the font server and creates a BDF (bitmap distribution format) file on the standard output that can be used to recreate the font. You can use this utility to test font servers, debug font metrics, and reproduce lost BDF files. However, you should be careful not to violate any copyrights or licensing agreements that pertain to the fonts.

The following command invokes the utility to create a BDF file for a bold font using the font server on system COFFEE:

% fstobdf -server tcp/coffee:7100 -fn "*bold*" > boldfont.bdf

• showfont

You can use the showfont utility to display information about a particular font that is served by the current font server.

Each of the following commands invokes the utility to display information about the Adobe Avantgarde Demi font available from the font server on system COFFEE:

```
% showfont -server tcp/coffee:7100 \-fn "-adobe-avantgarde-
demi-*-*-*-*-*-*-*"
% showfont -server tcp/coffee:7100 \-fn "-adobe-avantgarde-
demi-r-normal--0-0-0-p-0-iso8859-1"
```

2.10 Managing X Terminals

Like workstations, X terminals have monitors, pointers, and keyboards but otherwise they resemble dumb ASCII terminals because they need to be connected to a host computer to function. In most instances, the X terminal reads the X server program at boot time from the host system over the network. However, there are some X terminals that also have the X server built directly into the terminal's read-only memory (ROM).

For X terminals that have X11 R4, R5, or R6 installed, host systems use the X Display Manager (xdm) and the X Display Manager Control Protocol (XDMCP) to serve those terminals. X11 R5 or X11 R6 have many more capabilities and are therefore preferable if you are considering purchasing new X terminals.

There are three types of XDMCP queries that an X11 R4, R5, or R6 terminal can use to connect to a host:

• Direct

With a direct query, the X terminal requests a login from only one host. The xdm program on the host responds and displays the login window.

• Indirect

With an indirect query, depending on the host's Xaccess file, xdm either forwards the query to another host or displays the chooser box, which contains a list of available host nodes. If the chooser box is displayed, the user selects a host. Next, the chooser client forwards the query to that host. In either case, the second host then displays the login window. • Broadcast

With a broadcast query, the X terminal requests a response from any xdm host on the subnet. The X terminal can either request a direct connection to the first xdm host that responds or collect responses for a period of time and offer the list to the user to select one.

Once the connection between the X terminal and the host has been made, the user has access to all the X Window System features that are available on the host system.

You specify access control for XDMCP connections to X terminals in the /usr/lib/X11/Xaccess file. This file is defined in the xdm-config file by the DisplayManager.accessFile resource. The following list contains examples of different types of connection queries:

• Direct or broadcast queries

disallow direct/broadcast service for xtra
!xtra.lcs.mit.edu

allow access from this particular display
mars.osf.org

allow access from any display in LCS
*.lcs.dec.com

Indirect queries

%HOSTS expo.lcs.dec.com xenon.lcs.dec.com \
excess.lcs.dec.com kanga.lcs.dec.com

force extract to contact xenon
extract.lcs.dec.com xenon.lcs.dec.com

disallow indirect access
!xtra.lcs.dec.com dummy

all others get to choose
*.lcs.dec.com %HOSTS

Indirect queries from the chooser

offer a menu of these hosts
extract.lcs.dec.com CHOOSER %HOSTS

```
# offer a menu of all hosts
xtra.lcs.dec.com CHOOSER BROADCAST
# offer any host a menu of all hosts
* CHOOSER BROADCAST
```

Older X terminals with X11 R3 can be managed directly without XDMCP. To use these X terminals, you must include a specific entry in the /var/X11/xdm/Xserver file. For example, to manage an X terminal named CREAM, include the following line in the Xservers file:

cream:0 foreign

With such a connection, the xdm utility immediately displays a login window on the X terminal.

2.11 Memory Utilization by the X Server

Under normal operating conditions, the X server requires large amounts of memory. The following sections explain why and how some of the normal memory utilization occurs.

2.11.1 General Observations About X Server Memory Growth

Like all programs, once space is allocated to the X server,, it is never freed to the system. It can be reused, but never freed. This means that the X server memory allocation may increase dramatically at startup and then become fairly stable, unless you continue to start new and unique client applications without terminating any of the earlier applications.

Customizing the X Environment

With the Digital UNIX operating software, you can use resource definitions to customize and manage your workstation environment and certain elements of X Window System, OSF/Motif, and DECwindows applications that you are running. This chapter contains information about how to specify and modify these resource definitions. The following documentation contains more details:

- The appendix on resources and keysym mappings in *X Window System Administrator's Guide* (O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.)
- Part II of the *X Window System User's Guide* OSF/Motif 1.2 Edition, (O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.)

3.1 Resource Definition Overview

The term resources file refers to characteristics of X Window System applications or applications built on X Window System technology. Resources values define all sorts of aspects of the X display on a workstation and the window applications that run in the X Window System environment.

X resources are defined for display aspects of the Digital UNIX operating system itself as well as for all the X client applications that are part of the operating system. X applications that are installed on top of the operating system also have resource definitions. Resources characteristics include color specifications for various elements in a window display, presence of scroll bars for a window, location of windows on the desk top area, font used for text, and width of window borders.

Resource definitions are used in all applications based on the X Window System, such as xterm, Calendar, and even the X Display Manager xdm. The Digital UNIX operating software provides default resource definitions for the X Window System. Users can modify some resource definitions to customize their workstation environment; for example, to set the colors and positions of windows.

3.1.1 Setting Resources

System administrators can set systemwide resources to provide a more uniform environment for the people working at the workstations or X terminals for which they are responsible. Programmers rely on resource specifications to create application windows, dialog boxes, and menus as well as to establish a particular look and feel for their applications' displays.

There are three ways to set resources:

• Using command-line flags when invoking a particular client such as dxterm, xterm, or xclock

Only a subset of resources can be set from the command line, but the advantage of this method is that you do not need to edit any files to apply the definitions. Section 3.2 discusses this method.

• Defining resources in files that are processed whenever an X client application starts. These files include <code>\$HOME/.Xdefaults-hostname</code> and files to which the <code>XENVIRONMENT</code> variable points. Resource definition files can be located in the user's home directory and in the <code>/usr/lib/X11/app-defaults</code> directory, which is part of the operating software.

The system administrator can use systemwide files to establish uniform settings for small or large groups of users; or special individual settings. Section 3.3 discusses this method.

• Defining resources in client applications

Programmers who are writing X Window System client applications include resource definitions in their code so that they control the look and feel of the application. Section 3.4 describes some utilities that help users and programmers specify resource definitions.

3.1.2 Resource Definition Precedence

Because of the variety of methods for setting resources, there could be times when there are several definitions for a particular resource. For X Window System environment resources, the definitions are applied in the following order:

1. Systemwide application default resource definitions

Resource definitions for the Digital UNIX operating software clients are located in the /usr/lib/X11/app-defaults/ClassName files. These resources are used only by a client that runs on the local host, even if the client appears on a remote X display.

2. User-specific default resource definitions

These definitions are usually located in files in the user's home directory, \$HOME/ClassName. If several hosts share the home directory, the definitions in the directory will also be shared by those same hosts.

3. Host-specific default resource definitions

Host-specific resource definitions are located in either the \$HOME/.Xdefaults-hostname file or a file pointed to by the \$XENVIRONMENT variable. These definitions are only used by applications running on the host system and are not specific to the display.

4. Resource database resource definitions

Some users use a resource database loaded by the X Server Resource Database utility (xrdb) to specify display-specific default resource settings.

5. .Xdefaults file resource definitions

If no resource database exists for the user, the X server applies the resource definitions in the $\pm 0.01\%$.Xdefaults file.

6. Command-line flags

Users can change some resource definitions by specifying the new resource settings on the command line when they invoke the client application. Section 3.2 and the x(1X) reference page provide information on the standard resources that can be set from the command line for most applications. Client applications can create additional flags that set resource definitions which are specific to the particular application.

It is important to be aware of which resource definitions take precedence of other definitions; hence, the use of ascending numbers in the preceding list. System definitions are overridden by user definitions, which are, in turn, overridden by host-specific definition. A definition supplied through a command-line flag overrides any existing definition for that resource. However, only the 17 standard resources or resources for which the client application has provided a command flag can be defined using command-line flags. Other resources must be specified in definition files or by using the -xrm flag.

Note that host-specific and user-specific resource files do not necessarily have to reside in the user's home directory. There are several environment variables that can be set to specify a search path for default files:

• XFILESEARCHPATH

This environment variable is used to set the path for systemwide application-specific resource definition files.

• XUSERFILESEARCHPATH

This environment variable is used in place of $\$ definition for application-specific user resource definition files.

• XAPPLRESDIR

If this environment variable is defined and XUSERFILESEARCHPATH is not, the search path becomes:

\$XAPPLRESDIR/%L/%N:\$XAPPLRESDIR/%1/%N:\$XAPPLRESDIR/%N:\$HOME/%N

\$XAPPLRESDIR is replaced by the value of that environment variable; \$HOME is replaced by the user's home directory. If there is no definition for \$XAPPLRESDIR, the path is the user's home directory:

\$HOME/%L/%N:HOME/%l/%N:\$HOME/%N

The L element resolves to a full-locale name if one exists; l resolves to the language component element of the locale; N resolves to the name of the file being searched for. If no file exists in the locale or if no locale has been defined, the path collapses to the next level.

3.1.3 Loading Resource Definitions

The X Window System Administrator's Guide recommends that you use xrdb to load resource definitions directly into the X server. Using xrdb promotes consistency in the way applications run. In addition, because xrdb runs the resource definition file through a C preprocessor, you can further customize the environment by using #ifdef and #include commands in the resource definition files. You can also use the -D (define symbol) and -U (undefine symbol) flags on the xrdb command line to set up different environments on different hosts; so users can move among

workstations with different capabilities and maximize the special features on each one. (See Section 3.4.4 for more information.)

To load resources using xrdb, use either the -load flag (the default) or the <code>-merge</code> flag and specify a new resource definition file. With the <code>-load</code> flag, all previous resource definitions in the X server are deleted and replaced with the new definitions in the specified file. If the new file does not contain a definition for a resource that was defined previously, that resource definition is either lost or reverts to a default. The <code>-merge</code> flag allows you to change and add resource definitions without losing existing ones that you do not modify in the new definition file that you specify with the xrdb command.

3.2 Using Command-Line Flags

When you invoke a client application on your workstation, you can use command line flags to specify certain characteristics for the appearance, location, and features of the window display. There are a number of standard flags that are used with X Toolkit or Motif Toolkit applications. Not all such applications use all the standard resource flags, but many use most of them. Programmers can also create application-specific flags so that users can set other resources for those applications.

Table 3–1 lists the standard command-line flags and the resources they modify.

Flag	Resource	Description
-bg -background	background	Sets the background color of the window.
-bd -bordercolor	borderColor	Sets the color of the window border.
-bw -borderwidth	borderWidth	Sets the width of the window border in pixels.
-display	display	Specifies the display on which the client runs.
-fn-font	font	Sets the font used for text display.

Table 3–1: Standard Command-line Flags

Flag	Resource	Description
-fg -foreground	foreground	Sets the window's foreground color that is used for the text or graphics.
-geometry	geometry	Specifies a geometry string that sets the startup size and placement of the window.
-iconic	iconic	Invokes the application in the iconic state.
-name	name	Specifies the name of the application. This name is used for the window icon.
-rv -reverse	reverseVideo	Reverses the foreground and background colors.
+rv	reverseVideo	Restores the foreground and background colors to their current specifications.
-selectionTimeout	selectionTimeout	Specifies the timeout period in milliseconds. This value determines the timeout period within which two communicating applications must respond to one another after a selection request.
-synchronous	synchronous	Enables synchronous debugging mode.
+synchronous	synchronous	Disables synchronous debugging mode.
-title	title	Specifies the application title that is used in the window's title bar.
-xnllanguage	xnlLanguage	Sets the language, territory, and National Language Support codeset.
-xrm		Allows you to specify a resource name and value to override any defaults.

To modify an application resource definition, include the flag on the command line that invokes the application. Most flags require a parameter such as the name of a color, a file name, or a text string. The reference page for the command that invokes the application lists the appropriate flags and their parameters.

The following examples show how some of these standard flags are specified when an application is invoked:

```
dxterm -bg "pale green" -fg "sandy brown" &
```

Starts a DECterm window with a pale green background. The text and graphics appear in sandy brown.

xterm -iconic -name Letters &

Creates an xterm window, but places it immediately in the icon state. The name of the icon is Letters.

dxcalc -geometry +0-0 &

Invokes the DECwindows Calculator application and places the window in the lower left corner of the screen.

3.3 Using Resource Definitions

Resources are defined in several places in the X Window System environment. There are resource definition files such as local and groupwide Xdefaults files that contain resource definitions for your X workstation environment. Then there are resource definitions in window applications based on the X Toolkit (including DECwindows and OSF/Motif Toolkit applications) that determine the various visible aspects of the application.

Programmers need to understand resource definitions so they can use them when they create their applications. System administrators use resource definitions to set up a default working environment for the workstations they maintain. End users can use resource definitions to customize their workstation environment and even to customize some display characteristics of applications they run.

This section explains the structure of resource definitions, gives examples of how to create and modify the definitions, and describes the kinds of resource definition files that you can edit to customize your environment.

3.3.1 Resource Definition Structure

The syntax for resource definitions is as follows:

object.subobject[.subobject...].attribute: value

The parameters have the following definitions:

object	The client program or a specific instance of the client program. This parameter can specify any client, such as a DECterm window or the clock application.
subobject	A subobject is an element of the <i>object</i> client program. A subobject corresponds to the widgets that make up the client program. The number of subobjects you need to include to reach the particular resource you want to specify is determined by the widget hierarchy of the client program.
attribute	This parameter specifies the characteristic that you want to define. The attribute must be a feature of the last subobject you listed. The attribute refers to such things as font, color, or location of the subobject.
value	This parameter specifies the definition for the <i>attribute</i> . Definitions can include color names, pixel coordinates , and Boolean values such as True or False.

Specifying the *object*, *attribute*, and *value* parameters is relatively straightforward. In general, the *object* parameter is the name of the client program. The resource *attribute* refers to the characteristic you want to modify, add, or delete. The second column in Table 3–1 contains the names of some resource attributes. The description gives you an idea of the kinds of values you can specify such as a color name for foreground, pixel coordinates for geometry, a font string for font, and a locale for xnlLanguage.

Creating resource definitions can be a bit more complex if you have to deal with subobjects. When you want a value to apply to an attribute throughout the application, you can use an asterisk (*) to indicate all the subobjects. For example, if you want the background color to be light blue for every dialog box, menu, message box, and so on in the AccessX client, you could use the following resource definition:

accessx*background: lightblue

This kind of definition is known as a loose binding because the value applies to all appropriate widgets in the hierarchy.

If you want to have a dark-blue background only for the status boxes, you would use the following resource definition:

accessx.mousekeys.statusbox: darkblue

This definition requires that you know every element in the widget hierarchy from the main widget, accessx to the status box widgets. This kind of definition has a tight binding; that is, each subwidget between the accessx widget and the statusbox widget is listed in order, separated by periods.

To determine the elements in the widget hierarchy for an application, you need to use the editres utility. This utility creates a display of the hierarchy and also provides a way to test your resource definition. See Section 3.4.1 and the editres(1X) reference page for details.

3.3.2 Resource Definition Files

A resource definition file consists of lists of resource definitions and comments. Comments are prefixed by an exclamation point (!). You can use the exclamation point to disable a definition that you do not want to use, but want to retain in the file.

If your resource definition file will be run through the C language preprocessor, you can use #ifdef and #endif constructs to deal with definitions that are to be applied under certain circumstances. For example, you might have color definitions that would only be applied when you were working at a workstation with a color monitor.

The /usr/lib/X11/app-defaults directory contains resource definition files for many of the window client applications that are included with the Digital UNIX operating software. These files are read-only, so users cannot edit the contents to change or add resource definitions. However, you can use some of these definitions as models for your own definitions in a resource file or as part of the command line you issue to invoke the client. Note that many of these definitions specify things that you would not want to customize, such as the alignment of the buttons on the calculator application.

The files in the /usr/lib/X11/app-defaults directory do contain some resource definitions that you might find useful as models for definitions you create. For example, you could use the Clock-Color file to get some ideas for color definitions.

More resource definitions files are located in your \$HOME directory. Some of these files can be specific to applications that you run. For example, you could create a file called XTerm in your \$HOME directory that would be read every time a new XTerm window was created on the display. Any definitions for resources already defined in the /usr/lib/X11/app-defaults/XTerm file would be overridden by the definitions in your personal XTerm file.

Host-specific resource definition files customize your display environment and are read by all client applications running on your host. One such file is called \$HOME/.Xdefaults. You can set colors for the display background and foreground as well as for various elements of the windows that appear. You use this file to specify your default window manager. If you usually work on a system with a color monitor, but occasionally use a monochrome monitor, you can include color definitions in your .Xdefaults file surrounded by #ifdef and #endif statements. These definitions will only be processed if the COLOR C preprocessor symbol is defined. If you use dxsession, the definitions in the .Xdefaults file will be loaded into the X servers resource database. Otherwise, you can use the xrdb utility, which automatically uses the C preprocessor to deal with such programming constructs. Note that dxsession does not use the C preprocessor to process the .Xdefaults file and dxsession only understands a limited number of C preprocessor directives. You can use the xrdb -symbols command to see which symbols xrdb has defined.

In general, you will want to use xrdb to load one or more resource definition files into the X server's database. The xrdb utility is usually invoked by a session script such as HOME/.xsession. See Section 3.4.4 for more information on xrdb.

If you do not load the X server's resource database either by using xrdb or by using the Session Manager, each time an X application starts up, it reads the .Xdefaults file and applies all relevant resource definitions. The dxsession program processes the local .Xdefaults file and loads the resource definitions into the X server's database.

3.4 Using Client Utilities for Customization

The preceding section referred to some utilities that are useful in creating and processing resource definitions. The next sections describe each of the following client utilities that you can use to customize resources:

- editres
- xset
- xsetroot
- xrdb
- xmodmap

3.4.1 The editres Utility

The editres utility is a dynamic resource editor for use with X Toolkit applications. Motif applications are also X Toolkit applications and also work with editres. The utility allows users and application programmers to view the full widget hierarchy of any X Toolkit client that understands the editres protocol. You can use editres to apply resource definitions to an application and see the results immediately. Users can save these definitions by having editres append the definitions to an existing X resource definitions file such as .Xdefaults.

The editres utility displays the widget hierarchy along with the names and definitions of all the resources for a particular X client application. This information enables a user or programmer to add, modify, or delete resource definitions for the application. The editres utility can dynamically apply the resource changes to the application. Thus, the user or programmer can immediately see the results of the new definition and decide whether or not to save the change, restore the original setting, or make another change.

The editres main window has four areas: Menu Bar, Panner, Message Area, and Application Widget Tree display. You use the Menu Bar to access the different editres features. The Panner provides an intuitive method for scrolling through the Application Widget Tree display. The display area shows the widget tree for the application specified through the Get Widget Tree menu item.

The Show Resource Box menu item creates a pop-up window that contains resource definitions for the widget that is currently selected in the Application Widget Tree display. You use the Set Resource pop-up window to enter a resource definition for all the widgets currently selected in the Application Widget Tree display. (You can use Tree menu commands to select more than one widget by specifying such keywords as All, Children, Parents, Descendents, or Ancestors; or by specifying a widget class.)

In most instances, you use the Resource Box to determine whether a resource has been defined and what that definition is. You also use this box to add, modify, or delete resource definitions and to indicate to which widgets these changes apply. Once you have made your change, you use the Apply button to see the effects of your change. Press the Save button to save the change you have made. There is also a Save And Apply button, which performs both operations at once.

Note that some client applications have hard-coded the attributes for certain elements rather than use resource definitions. There is no way for editres to modify hard-coded attribute specifications.

3.4.2 The xset Utility

The xset utility is described in the reference page as the "user preference utility for X". You can use this utility to set various user preference options for your workstation's display. These options include the following:

- Volume, pitch, and duration of the computer's beep sound
- Whether the keyclick sound is enabled or disabled and what volume it has
- Font path that specifies which fonts the X server can use
- Control of the use of LED lights for such things as Shift/Caps Lock
- Control of the mouse for such things as pointer acceleration and the length of the delay time until the maximum acceleration speed is reached
- Pixel color values
- Whether the autorepeat feature for keys is enabled or disabled
- Screen save parameter settings

You can use the -q flag with the xset command to display the current settings for your workstation. To change a setting, issue the xset command with the appropriate flag. See the xset(1X) reference page for the description of each flag.

3.4.3 The xsetroot Utility

You can use the xsetroot utility to customize the attributes of the display background on your workstation. These attributes include the color and shape that the pointer cursor has, except in client windows where those settings have been defined by the client applications, and the pattern and colors of the display background; that is, the root window. You can use xsetroot to do such things as create plaid display backgrounds or change the shape of the pointer cursor to look like a hand or some other object.

The xsetroot command has a -def flag that enables you to return the display to its default settings. See the xsetroot(1X) reference page for more details about the utility.

3.4.4 The xrdb Utility

The xrdb utility manages the X server resource database. This utility gets and sets the contents of the RESOURCE_MANAGER property for the display window for screen 0 on your workstation, or the SCREEN_RESOURCES property for the display window of any or all screens. This utility is generally invoked from users' X session scripts. Resource definitions are loaded directly into the X server.

One of the features of the xrdb utility is that it uses a C preprocessor when it loads the resource definition file. This feature allows you to have #include and #ifdef statements and some other programming constructs in your resource definition files. In addition, you can define and undefine symbols by using the -D or -U flags.

The following example shows how you might include an #ifdef directive in your resource definition file that defines the colors to use for DECterm windows on color workstation monitors and the black and white values to use with noncolor monitors:

#ifdef COLOR	
DXterm*background:	lightblue
DXterm*foreground:	darkblue
#else	
DXterm*background:	gray
DXterm*foreground:	black
#endif	

You can use the xrdb -query command to see the current settings for your system. If you want to change some of these resources, you can create

a resource definition file and use the xrdb -merge filename command to add or replace existing definitions with your changes. With the -merge flag, xrdb replaces resource definitions for resources that are already defined for your system with those in the file you specify. If you have included resource definitions in that file for previously undefined resources, those new definitions are added. All other existing definitions remain the same.

There is also an xrdb -load filename command that you can use to erase all previous resource definitions and only use those in the file you specify. By default, xrdb behaves in this manner. Most of the time, you will probably want to use the xrdb -merge filename command because you will not want to lose the default settings for your environment.

For more information on the xrdb utility, see the X Window System User's Guide and the xrdb(1X) reference page.

3.4.5 The xmodmap Utility

You can use the xmodmap utility to modify the mappings for keyboard keys as well as mouse buttons.

The utility has three basic mapping functions:

• It reassigns a modifier function to a different key on the keyboard. For example, to have the Right Shift key perform the Control modifier function, use the following command:

xmodmap -e "Control_R = Shift_R"

• It reassigns a keyboard function to a different key on the keyboard. For example, to have the exclamation point (!) be sent to the computer when you press the vertical bar key, use the following command:

```
xmodmap -e "keycode 243 = slash exclam"
```

• It reassigns pointer functions to different mouse buttons. For example, if you are left handed, you could use the following command to change the order of the buttons on the mouse from 1 2 3 to 3 2 1:

xmodmap -e "pointer = 3 2 1"

You can issue xmodmap commands during your work session or include them in an X session script. You can also create xmodmap definition files for the utility to read at startup time or when you invoke the utility during your work session.

The xmodmap command has the following syntax:

xmodmap [flags] [filename]

When you use the xmodmap command with no flags, it displays the current modifier key map, the keys that can be used to modify other keys. While this information can be helpful in some instances, most of the time you do not want to change these key mappings. The following example shows the xmodmap display:

xmodmap: up to 2 keys per modifier, (keycodes in parentheses)
shift Shift_R (0xab), Shift_L (0xae)
lock BadKey (0xb0)
control BadKey (0xaf)
mod1 Multi_key (0xad), Multi_key (0xb1)
mod2 Alt_L (0xac), Alt_R (0xb2)
mod3
mod4
mod5

The items in the left column are the logical key names for the modifier keys. The items to the right are the keysym specifiers with the hardware hexadecimal keycode in parentheses. For example, the logical key name shift has two keys on the keyboard that perform the shift function. Their keysyms are Shift_R and Shift_L. The hardware hexadecimal keycodes for these keys are Oxab and Oxae respectively.

Using the xmodmap -pke command, you can see the decimal keycodes and the keysym name or names that have been assigned to each keycode. Note that keycode numbers vary depending on the keyboard model that you have connected to your workstation.

When there are two names, the second one indicates which key function is processed when the shift modifier key is pressed in combination with that physical key. The following example shows a portion of the output:

```
keycode 242 = semicolon colon
keycode 243 = slash question
keycode 244 =
keycode 245 = equal plus
keycode 246 = bracketright braceright
stdin
```

```
keycode 247 = backslash bar
keycode 248 =
keycode 249 = minus underscore
keycode 250 = bracketleft braceleft
keycode 251 = apostrophe quotedbl
```

You use keycodes and keysyms in the xmodmap -e command to modify the action that takes place when a particular keyboard key is pressed. For example, you can change the Select key on Digital LK201/401 keyboards to perform the Delete function:

xmodmap -e "keysym Select = Delete"

You can have your own personal keymapping file by creating a file with xmodmap definitions, such as the following:

```
! Make the comma shift be < and the period shift be >.
keysym comma = comma less
keysym period = period greater
! Replace the Help key with the escape function.
keysym 124 = escape
```

To have the file processed whenever you log in, include an xmodmap command in your X session script. For example, if you named your key definition file .Xmodmap and located it in your home directory, you could include the following line in your X session script:

xmodmap \$HOME/.Xmodmap

For more details about the xmodmap utility, see the X Window System User's Guide and the xmodmap(1X) reference page.

3.4.6 Utilities Using the X Keyboard Extensions

Several applications that make use of XKB features are also new with Digital UNIX Version 4.0. These applications include the following:

• xkbcomp

The xkbcomp utility is the XKB keymap compiler and converts XKB keymap source files into one of several output formats. It will also optionally load a keymap directly into the server if you specify the display as the output file. Each of the xmodmap keymaps located in /usr/lib/X11/keymaps for X11 R5 has been converted to XKB

format for X11 R6. These new keymaps are located in/usr/lib/X11/xkb. Refer to the xkbcomp(1X) reference page for or run xkbcomp with the -? switch for more information.

xkbprint

The xkbprint utility creates a PostScript representation of an XKB keymap. If you specify the display as the input file, it will read the XKB geometry from the server. Refer to the xkbprint reference page or run xkbprint with the -? switch for more information.

xkbdfltmap

The xkbdfltmap utility queries the kernel for the language and keyboard on the console. Given this information, Xdec will examine the /usr/lib/X11/xkb/keymaps.dir file to determine the default keymap to use. The xkbdfltmap utility will then display the appropriate xkbcomp command to run to download the default XKB map to the server. If xkbdfltmap is run with the -exec switch, it will automatically execute the xkbcomp command for you. Refer to the xkbdfltmap reference page or run xkbdfltmap with the -? switch for more information.

dxkbledpanel

The dxkbledpanel utility displays the state of the keyboard indicators. This is useful for monitoring and changing the state of indicators that may not have keyboard LEDs. For example, the group indicator does not always have an LED on every keyboard. Refer to the dxkbledpanel reference page or run dxkbledpanel with the -? switch for more information.

dxkeyboard

The dxkeyboard utility allows you to select a localized keymap based upon your selection of language and keyboard type. The dxkeyboard utility optionally saves your selections and will load them if it is run with the -load switch. The dxkeyboard utility is available as the Keyboard Options object under CDE's Application Manager in the Desktop_Apps folder. Refer to the dxkeyboard reference page or run dxkeyboard with the -? switch for more information.

accessx

The accessx application for X11 R5 has been ported to use the XKB protocol for X11 R6. Refer to the accessx(1X) reference page for further information.

3.5 Using an X Session Script

Once you have decided on how you want to customize the X Window System on your workstation, an effective way to preserve that environment is to use an X session script. Note that X session scripts also work with CDE's dtlogin manager.

You can use a session script to invoke certain applications when you log in and place various windows on your display in specific positions. You can set the window manager in your session script as well as specify colors, fonts, and window features. The file can also contain xmodmap definitions or call an xmodmap definition file.

You can use a script to define certain environment variables before the session manager starts. For example, the following script defines the PRINTER environment variable, sets the default path, and invokes dxsession as the session manager.

The next example invokes the xconsole program and starts an xterm window as background processes. It then starts the twm window manager in the foreground. The twm window manager becomes the session's controlling process; that is, the session will last as long as the twm process is running. When twm exits, the .xsession script completes and the user's X session is over. If the last command line in the script had ended with an ampersand (&), the .xsession script would immediately complete and exit, the X session would be over, and xdm would cause the display to reset to the login box.

```
#!/bin/sh
xconsole -geometry 480x130-0-0 -daemon -notify -verbose
        -fn fixed -exitOnFail
xclock &
xterm -geometry 80x24+10+10 -ls &
exec twm
```

With the xconsole program running, messages that are usually sent to /dev/console appear in the xconsole window on the display. The xclock command places a clock client window on the display. The xterm -geometry -ls command starts an xterm window at the screen location specified with the -geometry flag and starts the login shell in that window.

You can include a wide variety of customizations in an X session script as shown in the following example. The comments within the example explain the code.

Example 3–1: Session Script

```
#!/bin/csh
#
# Define environment variables, paths, and so on. Keeping these
# definitions in a separate file is useful. That way, .login
# and/or .cshrc can reference the same set of definitions.
source ~/.environ.csh
#
# Create a pipe for dxconsole to read from, so it can display the
# output of other commands.
#
setenv XSESSION_PIPE .xsession_pipe.$DISPLAY
if ! { test -p .xsession_pipe.$DISPLAY } then
   /usr/sbin/mknod $XSESSION PIPE p
endif
#
# Use xrdb to load the resources in the .Xresources file into the
# X server's resource database.
#
if ( -f .Xresources ) then
   xrdb -load -retain .Xresources
endif
#
# Determine whether the display is the local graphics display,
# that is, :0 or local:0 .
#
# These applications are run only if the display is local.
   #
   dxconsole < $XSESSION PIPE &
   #
   # Figure out how many screens the display has.
   #
   set SCREENS=`xdpyinfo | grep "number of screens" \
                  | cut -f 4- -d " "`
   #
   # The xset b flag sets the bell volume, pitch, and duration.
   # The xset c flag controls the key click.
   # The xset m flag controls the mouse acceleration and
```

Example 3–1: Session Script (cont.)

```
#
                threshold.
# The xset s flag sets the screen save parameters.
#
xset b 18 400 100 c 22 m 7 5 s 600 600 >& $XSESSION_PIPE
#
# For each screen, set the background color and the colors
# and shape of the cursor. This example uses custom colors
# defined in an Xcms data file as well as customized bitmaps
# (created # with /usr/bin/X11/bitmap) to define the shape
# of the cursor.
set SCREEN=0
while ( $SCREEN < $SCREENS )
 xsetroot -solid DarkBlueBackground -fg red -bg yellow
   -cursor cursor.bmp cursor_mask.bmp -display DISPLAY.1 \
    >& $XSESSION_PIPE
 @ SCREEN=($SCREEN + 1)
end
# Set the SCREEN variable to the screen number of the highest
# numbered screen.
#
@ SCREEN=($SCREENS - 1)
#
# The xbiff command displays a small mailbox image that lets
# you know when you have mail. This example uses the 'letters'
# bitmap from /usr/include/X11/bitmaps as well as custom
# bitmaps for the full and empty bitmaps and shape masks.
xbiff -shape -update 120 -geometry 60x60-0+0
 -display $DISPLAY.0 -bg black -fg white \
-bd '#191919195c5c' -xrm "XBiff*fullPixmap: letters" \
  -xrm "XBiff*emptyPixmap: $HOME/bitmaps/one.xbm" \
 -xrm "XBiff*fullPixmapMask: $HOME/bitmaps/lettersmask.xbm" \
  -xrm "XBiff*emptyPixmapMask: $HOME/bitmaps/one.xbm" \
  >& $XSESSION_PIPE &
# start oclock on screen 0
oclock >& $XSESSION_PIPE &
#
# Start dxcalendar, xload, and dxmail on the highest numbered
# screen.
dxcalendar -display $DISPLAY.$SCREEN >& $XSESSION_PIPE &
xload -geometry +0-0 \
  -display $DISPLAY.$SCREEN >& $XSESSION_PIPE &
dxmail -display $DISPLAY.$SCREEN >& $XSESSION_PIPE &
# Use xmodmap to reorder the mouse buttons and remap the Shift
# Lock key on the LK401 or LK201 keyboard to be Escape.
#
xmodmap -e 'pointer = 2 3 1' >& $XSESSION_PIPE
xmodmap -e "clear lock" >& $XSESSION_PIPE
xmodmap -e "keycode 176 = Escape" >& $XSESSION_PIPE
#
# Start the Motif Window Manager as the controlling process.
# When mwm exits, the X session will be over.
```

Example 3–1: Session Script (cont.)

```
# Using the shell's built-in exec command saves the cost of
    # creating another process.
    #
    exec mwm -multiscreen >& $XSESSION_PIPE
    #
    # End of Session
    #
else
    #
    # These applications are run only if the display is not local,
    # that is, the session is run on a remote X Terminal.
    # Invoking dxconsole is useful for displaying the stdout of
    # the commands that run, even though as a remote display,
    # the display console output will not actually be displayed.
    dxconsole < $XSESSION_PIPE &
   xset b 18 400 100 c 22 m 7 5 s 600 600 >& $XSESSION_PIPE
    xsetroot -solid DarkBlueBackground -fg red -bg yellow \
       -cursor cursor.bmp cursor_mask.bmp >& $XSESSION_PIPE
       oclock&
    #
    # If the X Terminal is running its own local window manager,
    # mwm is likely to exit immediately, so it is not used as the
    # controlling process.
    #
   mwm >& $XSESSION PIPE &
    #
    # Instead, xterm is used as the controlling process. When
    # xterm exits, the X session will be over.
    #
   exec xterm
    #
    # End of Session
endif
```

3.6 Bypassing the Login Manager

Although Digital does not recommend by passing the xdm or dtlogin login manager, there are several ways you could accomplish this. Here is one method:

1. Disable automatic startup of xdm.

```
# mv /sbin/rc3.d/S95xlogin /sbin/rc3.d/xS95xlogin
```

2. Write a script that will start the X server and then start your application. For example:

```
#!/bin/csh
#
# Start the X server.
# Using the -ac option disables authentication checking.
#
/usr/bin/X11/X -ac &
#
# define anything you might need in your environment
#
setenv DISPLAY :0
#
# You may also configure the X server's font path, keyboard, etc.
# by calling Xsetup_0. This will also start dxconsole, but if
# you don't want that make your own customized version of
# Xsetup_0 and use that. But bear in mind that the X server
# will reset when its last connection is closed, so you may need
# to hold open a connection, something like this:
/usr/bin/X11/xloqo&
/var/X11/xdm/Xsetup_0
#
# Now start your application
#
/path-to-wherever/your-application &
```

3. Create a link to your script in rc3.d named S95*:

```
# ln -s /path-to-wherever/my-startup-
script /sbin/rc3.d/S95whatever
```

4. For a clean shutdown, disable stopping of xdm or dtlogin:

```
# mv /sbin/rc0.d/K19xlogin /sbin/rc0.d/xK19xlogin
```

5. Write a shutdown script for your application and create a symbolic link to it in /sbin/rc0.d/K19whatever. This step is optional and only required if there is some clean up you need to do in case the system is shut down.

4

Programming in the Digital UNIX X Window Environment

Use the *X Window System* (Scheifler and Gettys) and *X Window System Toolkit* (Asente and Swick) (Digital Press) manuals as the primary references for information on how to program X Window System applications.

However, information specific to the Digital UNIX X server is not covered in those manuals. This chapter includes information on the following topics:

- Extensions to the X server
- X Display Manager greeter module
- Programming update

4.1 Extensions to the X Server

Digital UNIX supports a number of protocol X server extensions. These extensions are built and dynamically loaded as sharable libraries. Section 2.7 lists the components of the Digital UNIX extension library and explains the processes for loading and making calls to the component libraries.

The following list contains the X11 R6 protocol X server extensions that Digital UNIX supports:

- BIG_REQUESTS
- DPS (Display PostScript)
- MIT-SCREEN-SAVER
- MIT-SHM (MIT Shared Memory)
- MIT-SUNDRY-NONSTANDARD
- Multibuffering

- OpenGL (Open Graphics Library) Support available with the DEC Open3D layered product
- PEX (PHIGS Extension) Support available with the DEC Open3D layered product
- SHAPE (Nonrectangular Window Shape)
- SMT (Shared Memory Transport)
- SYNC (Synchronization Extension)
- XC-MISC
- XIE (X Imaging Extension)
- X Input Extension
- X Keyboard Extensions (xkb)
- XKME (X Keyboard Management Extension)
- XTrap
- XTEST
- XV (X Video)

Documentation on many of the extensions is available from the X Consortium. Header files for several of the extensions are in the /usr/include/X11/extensions directory. The following sections provide brief descriptions of each extension.

4.1.1 BIG-REQUESTS

The standard X protocol only allows requests up to 2 18 bytes long. BIG_REQUESTS , a new protocol extension, has been added. This extension allows a client to extend the length field in protocol requests to be a 32–bit value. This is useful for PEX and other extensions that transmit complex information to the server.

4.1.2 DPS – Display PostScript Extension (Adobe Systems)

This extension provides a device-independent imaging model for displaying information on a screen. This imaging model is fully compatible with the imaging model used in PostScript printers. By allowing you to use the PostScript language to display text, graphics, and sampled images, it frees you from display-specific details such as screen resolution and the number of available colors. The Digital UNIX X server includes PostScript Level 2. You can regard the Display PostScript system as part of the X Window System. Your application will use X Window System features for window placement and sizing, menu creation, and event handling, while using Display PostScript system features to take care of imaging inside the window.

Display PostScript system components include the Client Library, the PostScript interpreter, and the pswrap translator.

The Digital UNIX documentation set includes the *Developing Applications* for the Display PostScript System.

4.1.3 MIT-SCREEN-SAVER Extension

The Screen Saver extension enables a client to receive notification when the screen has been inactive for a specified amount of time or whenever it cycles. The extension is useful to those writing screensaver programs.

4.1.4 MIT-SHM – MIT Shared Memory Extension

This extension allows images to be placed in shared memory segments accessible by both the application and X server. Using shared memory reduces the amount of bandwidth required to transfer the images between the application and the server.

4.1.5 MIT-SUNDRY-NONSTANDARD Protocol Extension

This extension permits tolerance of old X bugs. See the xset(1X) reference page for a description of the -bc flag.

4.1.6 Multibuffering Extension

This extension enables a client application to perform the following operations:

- Associate multiple image buffers with a window
- Paint in any image buffer associated with a window
- Display a series of image buffers in a window in rapid succession to achieve smooth animation
- Request simultaneous display of different image buffers in different windows

4.1.7 OpenGL – Open Graphics Library Extension

This extension provides a software interface to graphics hardware. The interface consists of a set of procedures and functions that allows a programmer to specify the objects and operations involved in producing high-quality graphical images – specifically color images of three-dimensional objects.

To the programmer, OpenGL is a set of commands that allows the specification of geometric objects in two or three dimensions, together with commands that control how these objects are rendered into the frame buffer. For the most part, OpenGL provides an immediate-mode interface, so that specifying an object causes it to be drawn.

A typical program that uses OpenGL begins with calls to open a window in the frame buffer into which the program will draw. Then, calls are made to allocate a GL context and associate it with the window. Once a GL context is allocated, the programmer can issue OpenGL commands. Some commands are used to draw simple geometric objects for example, points, line segments, and polygons. Other commands affect the rendering of these primitives, including how they are lit or colored and how they are mapped from the user's two- or three-dimensional model space to the two-dimensional screen. OpenGL also has commands that affect direct control of the frame buffer, such as those that read and write pixels.

In the X Window System, OpenGL rendering is made available as an extension to X in the formal X sense: connection and authentication are accomplished with the normal X mechanisms. As with other X extensions, there is a defined network protocol for the OpenGL rendering commands that are encapsulated within the X byte stream.

Information on OpenGL is provided in the OpenGL Reference Manual.

4.1.8 PEX (PHIGS Extension)

This extension is an X Consortium-sanctioned extension to the X Window System. It is designed to support three-dimensional graphics efficiently within the confines and rules of X. The PHIGS extension, PEX, provides capabilities that allow each window on the display to act as a complete, independent virtual three-dimensional graphics workstation. The PEX protocol supports those three-dimensional graphics primitives used by standard application programmer interfaces such as PHIGS, PHIGS PLUS, GKS, and GL. The protocol version of PEX supported for Digital UNIX is PEX 5.1, which is available only through the DEC Open3D kit.

4.1.9 SHAPE – X11 Nonrectangular Window Shape Extension

This extension provides arbitrary window and border shapes within the X11 protocol. The oclock program, for example, uses this extension to produce a round clock-face display.

4.1.10 SMT – Shared Memory Transport Extension (Digital provided)

The Shared Memory Transport (SMT) extension provides a completely shared memory transport for requests. For many operations, performance significantly increases when this extension is used. Unlike the MIT-SHM (shared memory transport) extension which supports only image transfers, the Digital SMT supports the full protocol.

All requests are passed to the server by means of a shared memory queue. The server and client control the flow by using X protocol requests over UNIX Domain sockets. All events, replies, and errors are returned through UNIX Domain sockets.

This transport is suitable only for high-bandwidth applications that typically use large requests. Short requests may take longer to process with SMT than with UNIX Domain sockets because of synchronization overhead. For example, XNOOP requests will take twice as much time to execute.

The DISPLAY environment variable must be set to local:0 when SMT is used.

When using SMT, the X server may not be able to allocate a shared memory segment. This problem occurs if the system shared memory resources are depleted; a warning message appears on the client side.

4.1.11 SYNC – Synchronization Extension

The synchronization extension, SYNC, provides primitive calls that allow synchronization between clients to take place within the X server. This feature eliminates network errors that can arise when two communicating systems are running a distributed application that requires both systems to be synchronized. With this extension, clients on different hosts running different operating systems can be synchronized. Multimedia applications can use this extension to synchronize audio, video, and graphics data streams. In addition, the extension provides internal timers within the X server that can be used to synchronize client requests. Using this feature, simple animation applications can be implemented without having to use round-trip requests. The extension allows applications to make the best use of buffering within the client, server, and network.

4.1.12 XC-MISC

The XC-MISC protocol allows clients to get back ID ranges from the server. Xlib handles this automatically, making this useful for long-running applications that use many IDs over their lifetime.

4.1.13 XIE – X Imaging Extension

The X Imaging extension provides mechanisms for the transfer and display of virtually any image on any X-capable hardware. Although this extension is not intended to serve as a general purpose imaging processor, it provides a large number of primitives for image rendering and image enhancement. These primitives can be combined to form complex expressions. XIE also includes facilities for importing and exporting images between clients and servers, facilities for moving images between client and servers as well as between core X modules and XIE modules, and facilities that enable applications to access images as resources.

The X Consortium provides documentation for XIE in PostScript format. That documentation is located on the Digital UNIX system in the /usr/doc/xie directory. The following list describes the documents:

• X Image Extension Overview

This document provides general information about the X Image Extension code. Topics covered are: XIE design goals, XIE historical summary, XIE architecture, element definitions, and subsetting.

• XIElib Specification

This document contains reference descriptions of all the XIElib functions, XIElib events, and XIElib errors. The Functions section covers the following types of functions: startup, LUT, photomap, ROI, photoflo, client data, abort and await, photoflo element, technique, and free.

• XIE Sample Implementation Architecture

This document is for X Consortium members who have a working understanding of the X Imaging Extension. It provides an architecture overview as well as chapters on the following topics: extension initialization, memory management, request dispatching, data representation, data structures, protocol requests, DIXIE photoflo management, DDXIE photoflo management, and photo elements.

• X Image Extension Protocol Reference Manual, Version 5.0

This document specifies the X wire protocol for the X Image Extension. It defines the syntax, structure, and semantics of the XIE protocol elements. Topics covered include syntax specification, parameter types, resources, pipelined processing, import elements, process elements, export elements, events and errors, techniques, service class, and protocol encodings.

4.1.14 X Input Extension

This extension supports input devices other than the core X keyboard and pointer. The extension is designed to handle request and event definitions that are analogous to core request and event definitions. This design allows extension input devices to be individually distinguishable from each other as well as from core input devices. The extension requests and events use a device identifier and support the reporting of *n*-dimensional motion data as well as other data that is not reportable through core input events.

4.1.15 X Keyboard Extension for X11 R6

The X Keyboard Extension (XKB) server extension is new for X11 R6 and for Digital UNIX Version 4.0. XKB enhances control and customization of the keyboard under the X Window System by providing the following:

- Support for the ISO9996 standard for keyboard layouts
- Compatibility with the core X keyboard handling (no client modifications are required).
- Standard methods for handling keyboard LEDs and locking modifiers such as CapsLock and NumLock

• Support for keyboard geometry

In addition, the X11 R5 (for versions of Digital UNIX earlier than Version 4.0) AccessX server extension for people with physical impairments has been incorporated into the XKB server extension. These accessibility features include StickyKeys, SlowKeys, BounceKeys, MouseKeys, and ToggleKeys, as well as complete control over the autorepeat delay rate.

4.1.16 XKME – X Server Keyboard Management Extension

This extension enables an X client application to access the server mode-switch modifier. The mode switch is designed to meet the needs of character sets of languages that require native characters (for example, Hebrew and Japanese). The mode switch enables a client application to switch back and forth between character groups: Group 1 (ASCII characters) and Group 2 (native characters).

The function of the mode switch is similar to that of the Shift or Shift Lock key. These mechanisms both enable multiple symbols (keysym) to be generated from single keys, with one symbol for one mode or shift or shift-lock state and another symbol for the other state. For example, on the American keyboard, 3 and # can be switched by the shift state.

The combination of the mode-switch and shift/lock mechanisms allows up to four keysyms to be established for a single key.

The entry point XKMEDoKBModeSwitch is defined for the mode-switch modifier and can be set to the following modes of operation:

LockDownModeSwitch	Locks down the mode-switch modifier; that is, switches to Group 2.
UnlockModeSwitch	Unlocks the mode-switch modifier; that is, switches to Group 1.

The dxkeycaps(1X) reference page describes how to access the shift modifier from client applications and contains general information on keyboard mappings.

4.1.17 XTrap Extension

This extension allows a client application to track and use information about input events occurring on a remote X server. XTrap also allows a client application to provide input to the remote server.

4.1.18 XTEST Extension

This extension contains a minimal set of X client and server extensions that are required to completely test the X11 server with no user intervention. The extension is designed to meet the following goals:

- Minimize portability problems by confining the extension to an appropriate high level within the X server. In practice, this goal means that the extension should be at the DIX level, use the DIX/DDX interface, or both. This specification has effects, in particular, on the level at which *input synthesis* can occur.
- Minimize the changes required in the rest of the X server.
- Minimize the performance penalties that running the test produces on normal X server operation.

4.1.19 XV - X Video Extension

This extension performs the following functions:

- Lists available video adapters
- Identifies the number of ports each adapter supports
- · Describes what drawable formats each adapter supports
- Describes what video encodings each adapter supports
- Displays video from a port to a drawable format
- Captures video from a drawable format to a port
- Reserves ports for exclusive use and unreserves them
- Sets and gets port attributes
- Delivers event notification

4.2 X Display Manager Greeter Module

In the X Display Manager (xdm), the greeter module is a separate dynamically loadable library. The greeter collects identifying information from the user (for example, name and password), authenticates the user, and optionally starts the login session. Application programmers can customize this module to suit the needs of their application.

The greeter library that is used is determined by the value of the DisplayManager.greeterLib resource in the /var/X11/xdm/xdm-config file. This library is required to define a function named GreetUser().

The X Display Manager uses dlopen() to dynamically load the greeter library. It uses dlsym() to find the GreetUser() function.

The GreetUser() function can either handle the user's session itself or allow xdm to do so. The return value of GreetUser() indicates to xdm whether or not to start a session.

The GreetUser() function is passed the xdm struct display pointer, a pointer to a Display Struct (defined in /usr/include/X11/X1ib.h), and pointers to greet and verify structures. If GreetUser() expects xdm to run the session, it fills in the Display pointer and the fields of the greet and verify structs.

Definitions of struct display, struct verify_info, and struct greet_info are located in /usr/examples/xdm/dm.h. The GreetUser() function prototype is defined in /usr/examples/xdm/greet.h.

Any greeter library compiled on a Digital UNIX system prior to Version 4.0 must be recompiled to integrate data structure changes made in X11 R6. The use of a version field on these structs eliminates the need to recompile for future versions of the operating system.

The GreetUser() function is defined in greet.h as follows:

int GreetUser(
struct display	*d,
Display	** dpy,
struct verify_info	*verify,
struct greet_info	*greet,
struct dlfuncs	*dlfcns)

The parameters for the function are as follows:

• struct display *d [read-only]

This struct display is defined in /usr/examples/xdm/dm.h.

• Display **dpy [write]

The parameter returns the Display pointer from XtOpenDisplay() or XOpenDisplay().

struct verify_info*verify [write]

This struct is defined in /usr/examples/xdm/dm.h. The GreetUser() function is passed a pointer to an existing verify-info struct. The function is expected to write the fields of this struct. These fields include the uid, gid, arguments to run the session; the environment variable for the session; and the environment variable for startup and reset.

struct greet_info *greet [write]

This struct is defined in /usr/examples/xdm/dm.h. The GreetUser() function is passed a pointer to an existing verify-info struct. The function is expected to write the user's name and password into the name and password fields, but these values are really needed only when xdm is compiled with SECURE_RPC defined.

• struct dlfcns

This struct is a set of function pointers to xdm functions that GreetUser () is likely to need.

Note that on Digital UNIX using these function pointers is not necessary since the symbols will be resolved by the dynamic loader.

The GreetUser() function returns an enumerated type, greet_user_rtn, defined in greet.h.

Greet_Session_Over0session managed and overGreet_Success1greet succeeded, session not managedGreet_Failure-1greet failed

4.3 Programming Updates

This section contains new information about programming in the X Window System environment. The section covers the following topics:

- XChangeProperty and GetWindowProperty functions
- Link order for static X clients
- DECnet transport for client/server connections
- Client events with Display PostScript libraries

4.3.1 XChangeProperty and GetWindowProperty Functions

The X Consortium has refined the behavior of the XChangeProperty and GetWindowProperty functions. This refinement primarily affects programs that have arrays of integers (int) with format 32. If you have used or plan to use either function, you should use arrays of longwords (longs) instead.

Until recently, the data type used with a format of 32 was implied, not specified. With the new refinements, the data that is provided in format 32 to the XChangeProperty function or returned from the GetWindowProperty function should be accessed as arrays of longwords or typedefs based on longwords such as Window or Atom.

4.3.2 Link Order for Static X Clients

There are certain steps you must follow when compiling, loading, or linking X client applications against a static or nonshared library.

Specify either the -ldnet_stub or -ldnet flag when:

- using the cc -non_shared command
- using the ld -non_shared command
- linking against the libX11.a static library

If you link your X client application to the nonshared version of the /usr/lib/libDXm.a library, you must include libbkr in the link line. If you omit libbkr, the warning messages appear about the following undefined symbols:

DXmHelpSystemClose DXmHelpSystemDisplay DXmHelpSystemOpen

4.3.3 DECnet Transport for X Client/Server Connections

The X server, X libraries, and various X clients use a DECnet transport mechanism for client/server connections when the appropriate DECnet product is installed on the system or on two systems, if the X client and X server are running on different nodes. If DECnet is not installed, attempts to make these client/server connections fail.

The loadable X server, as well as clients and libraries that directly execute calls to DECnet functions, are built using the libdnet_stub.so shared library in the ld command that links the object files. DECnet functions that are commonly called include getnodename, dnet_addr, and dnet_conn.

X clients that are built fully static and include <code>libX11.a</code> or <code>libXmu.a</code> must incorporate the <code>libdnet_stub.a</code> library if they do not use the DECnet transport. If they do use the DECnet transport, they must incorporate the <code>libdnet.a</code> library. One of these <code>libdnet</code> libraries must be included to resolve function calls from within the <code>libX11.a</code> or <code>libXmu.a</code> for some other reason, <code>libdnet_stub.so</code> should be included in the <code>ld</code> command information so that the <code>client</code> can be used whether or not DECnet is installed.

Note that DECnet/OSI is not part of the Digital UNIX operating system.

4.3.4 Client Events with Display PostScript Libraries

In some situations, clients lose events when using Display PostScript libraries directly or indirectly with calls to libdvr. The events are lost because Xlib calls a status-event handling function, which in turn calls other Xlib functions even though Xlib is not guaranteed to be reentrant.

There are two functions in the Display PostScript language that correct this problem:

- XDPSSetEventDelivery
- XDPSDispatchEvent

These functions must be applied to all clients using Display PostScript, as well as Xlib. You should be aware of the following rules when using these functions:

- Always call XDPSDispatchEvent before calling XtDispatchEvent.
- Never use XtAppProcessEvent to handle X Window System events.
- Do not use either the XtAppMainLoop or XtMainLoop function because these functions call XtDispatchEvent. Instead, use a loop that will always call XDPSDispatchEvent before calling XtDispatchEvent.

For details about these functions, see the Adobe Systems Incorporated book *Programming the Display PostScript System with X.*

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