

Re: Recommendations for laptop for travelling

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Joe Pfeiffer <pfeiffer@xxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

One last note is that you shouldn't depend on being able to run remote X. Never mind that it's likely to be painfully slow whenever the 'net has a high spam day, I've found an unbelievable collection of completely random port restrictions in hotels and conferences. Have a good plan for syncing your local environment to your home environment, sync up before you go, pray you've got email, and sync again when you get home.

I very much appreciate the comments of yourself and others. Big help. But here you loose me.

What is the relation of running X remotely and "port restrictions" because of heavy spam? I don't see the connection. Most of the things I do can be done in console, but while that's a lot faster, why would that not be dependent on "port restrictions".

Sorry, my wording probably wasn't clear. I was saying that

(1) remote X, as in needing to go further than the local LAN, is very slow; if there is a heavy load on the network (what I jokingly called a "heavy spam day") it becomes ridiculous. It's not as big a problem with a console application because the amount of data being transferred is much less, and a short delay on keystrokes isn't nearly as annoying as slow response on a typical X application.

(2) worse, the local sysadmins seem to decide completely at random what ports they regard as security holes. While I have been places where I couldn't get ssh or vpn, I've been more places where I couldn't open an X connection.

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Also, what do you mean by "syncing your local environment to your home environment"? If you mean alternative ways of connecting, to what do you refer specifically?

I keep my work-related directories on my laptop, my home workstation, and my workstation in my office at NMSU synchronized using rsync (I've got a script on both the home workstation and the laptop called 'sync-nmsu', so I just give that command). One thing I'm very careful to do before any sort o