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Posted by [ed45626](#) on Fri, 16 Sep 2011 23:23:44 GMT

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Thanks!

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#### File Attachments

1) [theide-nightlybuild.png](#), downloaded 1075 times

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 17 Sep 2011 07:33:23 GMT

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It looks like something is broken with displaying Images (raster bitmaps). These depend on XRENDER extension (as they are with alpha channel).

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Subject: SOLVED: Re: Problem running in vnc / xen / debian squeeze

Posted by [ed45626](#) on Mon, 19 Sep 2011 00:59:11 GMT

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Thanks for the response -- this pushed me in the correct direction.

For any who run into this problem, most vnc server don't support the render extension. This is a problem in Xen since there is no video card and I can't connect to a running X server.

Real VNC4 Enterprise is supposed to support render, tightvnc does not and the vnc4 server in debian does not.

After a lot of searching, I found a vnc server that does -- TigerVNC which was built off the tight vnc server. They do have packages built for Debian Squeeze and upon installing and starting with the command 'vncserver' all was good.

I also noted that the mouse cursors now look correct.

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