

Re: MAXIMA on WINDOWS XP

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I wrote:

- > Yes, that is basically right.
- > a) I used the precompiled version
- > b) I use XP
- > c) the message was 'Block Tcl'
- > d) I cannot find any way of unblocking in MS anti as NOTHING SHOWED.
- > e) googling suggested Reinstall MS anti -> should wipe blocks --> it didn't
- > f) suggestions - use Add/Remove application in 'system control' -> tried that
- > g) same as (f) but make sure to remove the directories manually-> tried that.
- > h) uninstalled maxima, uninstall MS antispy, reinstalled maxima -> still fails
- > i) search Registry for 'TCL' 'Tcl' 'tcl' - no entries
- > j) searched regostry for 'maxima' 'Maxima' -> only appeared in most recent 'google' search entry
- > k) I installed 5.9.0 and no problem as when the 'block Tcl' message came up i made sure I chose 'unblock' It works
- > l) tried command line maxima.bat, xmaxima.bat -nothing happended
- > m) any other suggestions thanks
- > n) As I am only 'playing' with maxima, I suppose I could stick with5.9.0, but that does not help me resolve this problem nor will I have learnt new.
- > o) I have, in this instance, only learnt ' READ THE PROMPTS CAREFULLY'
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- > Thanks in Advance
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- > <robert.dodier@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
- > news:1130567997.077842.279760@xx
- >> I wrote:
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- >>> I have installed it on LINUX (redhat) with Xmaxima- works well.
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- >> Glad to hear it. By the way, what's your RH version?
- >> and did you install from precompiled rpms or did you compile it?
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>>> I then installed (5.9.2) on Windows XP, then start it up,
>>> Up popped a message about Blocking access to TCL,
>>> (i think from MS antispyware?) and in my haste said Yes.....
>>> Maxima does not work just hangs at start displaying
>>> windows), I uninstalled it and reinstalled still no go .
>>> I tried 5.9.0 works OK ran test suite and got a No problem message.
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>> The Xmaxima GUI talks to Maxima through a socket.
>> That attracts the attention of the MS security stuff.
>> I'm guessing that the security software has a control
>> panel where you can change the "Block TCL" to "Unblock TCL"
>> or something like that.
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>> If you can't find the control panel you might try
>> asking on a Windows-specific newsgroup.
>>
>> By the way there is a command line shortcut included
>> in the Windows installation — that should still
>> work even if Maxima/Xmaxima is blocked.
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>> Let us know how it turns out, I'll bet other people
>> have run into the same problem.
>>
>> Robert Dodier

I'm guessing the Windows XP Firewall, introduced with SP2,
is turned on. You can view and change the settings for it
through the Control Panel (its Windows Security Center in
the "classic view" and simply Security Center in the touchy
feely XP "components view"). Drill down to the Firewall
tabbed dialog box, and you'll probably find the checkbox
to block Maxima 5.9.2 (and allow 5.9.0) on the second tab.

[Understanding Windows Firewall]

http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/security/internet/sp2_wfintro.mspx

I use Zone Alarm as my firewall, and I'm inexperienced on the MS
configuration. But it looks like the checkboxes control if
Internet access is allowed by individual programs/services.

regards, chip

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