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Subject: Red-Blue stereo graphics in IDL

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I have a program that uses IDL object graphics to show a couple of dozen 3D objects. The user can zoom in and out, rotate, and change various parameters (eg, turning axes on or off). I'd like to make a version of the program that does a red/blue or red/green stereo version that requires 3D glasses. Does anyone have any advice or existing programs that do this? A couple of initial questions:

Will I run into insurmountable problems if I try to have the same objects contained in two different IDLgrViews? Doing so would allow me to create and maintain just one copy of the couple dozen objects. I don't know if it will create subtle internal problems to have the same objects in multiple views.

If I do have just one instance of each object, how do I deal with the colors? As far as I can tell the color of an object has to be associated with the object, rather than with the view. But, I need the objects rendered by one view to be a different color than the objects rendered with the other view. I will experiment with having all the objects be white, and adding colored lights to the views, with the lights in one view being red, and the lights in the other view being blue or green. Are there any other suggestions for how to do this?

I've generally had trouble getting the view plane rectangle set up correctly. In the current version of the program I used the `set_view` procedure that comes with IDL, but I'll probably need more control with the stereogram version. Does anyone know of any additional documentation for dealing with the view plane rectangle other than what comes with IDL in the 'Objects & Object Graphics' book?

Thanks for the help!

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