
Subject: Re: IDL or OpenLook "feature"?

Posted by [jdlb](#) on Mon, 16 Aug 1993 22:05:57 GMT

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I described an IDL crash following the message

OPEN LOOK Toolkit Error in application "idl": Can't allocate gray pixel

offenbrg@trifle.gsfc.nasa.gov (Joel Offenberger) writes:

- > Add this to your .Xdefaults file (or .Xdefaults.opn or whatever you call it):
- > Idl*colors: -5

I already have that.

- > Please note that this change doesn't take effect until you logout and
- > log back on again :)

Unless you do 'xrdb -merge .xdefaults' :-)

hatay@spot.Colorado.EDU (Ferhat F. Hatay) writes:

- > I suggest reading openwin3.doc in idl/notes directory. It has some recipes
- > for fixing some titsy bitsy yet annoying behaviors under Sun OpenWindows
- > similar to yours.

This document also suggests the Idl*colors business.

I thank Messieurs Offenberger and Hatay for their suggestions. I have changed Idl*colors to -10 for now, which will hopefully reduce crashes due to color table problems. I am more concerned about the mysterious segmentation faults and bus errors which occur now and then. Unfortunately, I can't reproduce these crashes at will. I can't even be sure my own machine isn't at fault. Sometimes I have IDL sessions going for days, with many variables added and deleted, which may complicate memory management issues. Also, I am not using OpenWindows directly--I'm using twm with X11R5 (and IDL 3.0.0).

--Jeff
