
Subject: Re: xwindows colour issues

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Rose (rmlongfield@my-dejanews.com) writes:

> I found the color discussion in January 1998 edition pretty good and would be
> interested in seeing any improvement. Any chance of getting the updated
> discussion without buying another book :)

I know there are a number of people out there who are "thinking" about writing a book about IDL. But since I'm the only one who has really done so, let me give you a piece of advice: the only way you are **ever** going to get a book written is to sit down and write **something**.

For me, what usually comes out is stupid, poorly written, and complete nonsense. This becomes (after some effort) an article on my web page, which gets pulverized by kind readers who delight in pointing out the obvious errors.

After several rounds of this, you have a chapter in your book! :-)

Anyway, this is the long way around to say that you can read all about color issues in IDL 5.1 in this article on my web page:

http://www.dfanning.com/tips/24bit_color_idl51.html

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say, if you can't take the heat, you ain't gonna be writtin any books. :-)

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