
Subject: Re: Do sav files have only 256 colors
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 14 Apr 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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R.Bauer (R.Bauer@fz-juelich.de) writes:

```
> this is a small example.  
> create a runtime sav file 'cbar_true.sav' in true color mode of your graphics  
> card  
> Then execute the file. You'll see only greyscaled colors.  
> If you change to 8bit color mode and you execute again you see a red to white  
> colorsystem  
>  
>  
> pro cbar_true  
>   loadct,3  
>   cbar  
>   wait,20  
> end
```

I modified your program slightly, because I don't have the CBar program. And, of course, I added Device, Decomposed=0 because without it you will NEVER get colors anywhere (see posting by our newest member, S. Daniel Kwak). But my program looks like this:

```
pro cbar_true  
  device, decomposed=0  
  loadct,3  
  colorbar  
  wait, 20  
end
```

And it ran *perfectly* on a Windows NT machine set in 24-bit mode.

Are you sure you created the save file properly?

```
IDL> .Compile cbar_true  
IDL> Resolve_All  
IDL> Save, /Routines, File='cbar_true.sav'
```

If you forget the Resolve_All command, of course, then you will never find the LOADCT command and that would cause colors to be gray-scale.

Cheers,

David

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