
Subject: New color utilities

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I've added a couple of color handling tools to my web page at

<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/~gumley>

COLORSET provides a way to ensure that IDL selects the right display mode at startup (assuming no windows have been created). It selects true color (24 bit) if available, or pseudo color (8 bit) visual consistently on X, Windows, and Macintosh displays. It also sets DECOMPOSED=0 by default as recommended by David Fanning. I recommend that COLORSET be used in your IDL startup file.

COLORS will load a selection of graphics colors (Black, White, Green, Red, etc.) into the color table.

Please feel free to download the source code, give it a whirl, and let me know what you think.

Cheers,
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