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Subject: Re: X Windows Graphics under RH Linux 5.2  
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In article <Pine.OSF.4.10.9904192204320.20667-100000@sable.ox.ac.uk>, Steven Riley <sedm0826@sable.ox.ac.uk> wrote:

> It doesn't seem to want to maintain its images in X  
> Windows. The charts go to the graphics window initially, but they wiull  
> never be updated, even to the point that if the window is minimised when  
> you plot initially the chart will not appear when you maximise.

> Is this a problem with the demo mode (IDL 5.1 BTW), in which case I think  
> its bringing cripple-ware to a whole new level, or can I expect it to  
> persist even if we invest in the package.

By default, IDL doesn't retain window contents. You can change this behavior by adding a line for "idl\*retain" in your .Xdefaults (or equivalent) file. Mine .Xdefaults has the line...

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idl*retain:                1
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If you X server doesn't have it own backing store (old low-memory X terminals) IDL can supply its own backing store if you specify and idl\*retain of 2.

Anyone know if there's an idl\*decomposed keyword? :)

Eric

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