
Subject: Re: X Windows Graphics under RH Linux 5.2
Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Mon, 19 Apr 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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Steven Riley wrote:

- > I'm currently playing with IDL and trying to persuade my department to
- > purchase a copy. It doesn't seem to want to maintain its images in X
- > Windows. The charts go to the graphics window initially, but they will
- > 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.

Steven,

I don't think you've encountered a limitation of the demo version; it's just the way the PLOT command works. For example, if you type

```
IDL> plot, indgen(10)
```

and then change the window size, PLOT does not know that the window size changed. To get this functionality, you have a few options:

(2) Download <http://www.dfanning.com/programs/xwindow.pro> and try this:

```
IDL> xwindow, 'plot', indgen(10)
```

(1) Try the Insight application that comes with IDL by typing the following at the command line:

```
IDL> insight
```

Cheers,
Liam.

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