Steven,

You should issue a device command before opening a window

    device, retain=2

This will allow a backing store to occur and should solve your problem.

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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 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.
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> 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.
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> TIA
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> Steven