
Subject: Re: IDL for windows :-{
Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 13 May 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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Mike Klein (mgk@pogo.ab.umd.edu) writes:

- > After having used IDL for years on UNIX systems, I am struggling with
- > the user interface of the version for Windows. Can anyone tell me how
- > to do any of the following:
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- > 1. Eliminate the command input window, and enter commands directly in
- > the output log window - just like an xterm.

I'm afraid you will have to get used to disappointment, here. :-)

- > 2. Clear the output log window programmatically, rather than by doing a
- > right-click -> Clear Log mouse operation.

Same with this, sorry.

- > 3. Running the RDPIX routine in an xterm results in a stationary
- > display of: x, y, value - nice and simple. This, umm, doesn't quite
- > work same way in the windows version. In fact, it sometimes crashes IDL
- > on my system as the horizontal scroll bar in the output log window gets
- > smaller and smaller...

Uh, RDPIX was written in 1987! I think Microsoft was still located in Albuquerque. And Windows IDL was not even a twinkle in David Stern's eye. I suggest you learn how to write your own nifty RDPIX as a widget program. It would work better and you would learn something in the process. Take about 10 minutes, I think. Course, you could modify the RDPIX code. That would take about 30 seconds, probably. After you figured out all those abbreviated keyword names. :-)

- > 4. For a displayed image, how can I change its colors without having to
- > re-load the image after changing the color table? For example, clicking
- > through the entries in XLOADCT immediately changes the colors in all
- > windows on my UNIX machine. I've turned off decomposed color
- > (device,decomposed=0), which doesn't seem to affect this behavior.

Set your graphics card to 256 colors.

Cheers,

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