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Subject: Re: axis: color and fonts - how to change it?  
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Harald Osten ([hvdosten@ludwigsburg.netsurf.de](mailto:hvdosten@ludwigsburg.netsurf.de)) writes:

> becasue I need a white background for a shade\_surface-plot I have to change  
> the color of the axis to black. How can I do this? I wasn't successful with  
> setting the !P.Color, neither with something like  
>  
> tvlct, 0,0,0,1  
>  
> ..., color=1

Humm. Even if you forget Device, Decomposed=0 you can usually  
get \*black\*, for goodness sake. :-)

> And there is no reaction in setting !P.FONT to zero, or to 1 or to... Isn't  
> it possible to change the axis' fonts?

Something is \*seriously\* wrong with your IDL! You aren't  
trying to set a system variable and have the same keyword  
set on the Shade\_Surf command, are you?

> I am working on a 24bit display.

I believe it. :-)

> Thank you for every hint!!!!

Here is how I would do it. This works on the display  
AND in PostScript. You can get the LoadData program  
from my web page, or supply your own 2D data set.

```
data = LoadData(2)
LoadCT, 0 ; Start at the beginning.
LoadCT, 5, NColors=254, Bottom=1 ; Load colors for surface.
Device, Decomposed=0 ; So you can see some colors.
Set_Shading, Values=[1,254] ; Shading values correspond to colors.
Shade_Surf, data, Color=0, Background=255, Font=1, Charsize=3.0
Set_Shading, Values=[0,255] ; Set shading values to default.
```

Cheers,

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