Posted by Harald Frey on Tue, 22 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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Liam Gumley wrote:

> This seemingly random behavior is caused by your desktop. If you have
> applications like Netscape running before you start IDL, IDL will have
> many fewer colors to work with. On our local machines which run CDE, we
> always set the Style Manager to 'Most Colors for Applications'. However
> we still get the behavior you described when a second IDL session is
> started. This is a result of having an 8 bit desktop. On our Sun Ultra
> machines (which are supposed to have Creator3D 24 bit graphics cards),
> we've been unable to figure out how to get around this problem (has
> anyone solved this?).
>
> On the other hand my SGI box has a 24 bit graphics card, and it handles
> multiple 8 bit IDL sessions just fine: the color tables don't interfere
> with one another.
>

Thank you for your answer. I definetely avoid running any other application in
parallel. I already figured out that the number of available colors changes not
only from day to day, but also decreases after some time in a session. My solution
on this is just logging-out as often as possible, which is a different pain as
well.

Harald