
Subject: Re: Exceed and IDL

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Grady Daub (gadZOOKS8371@garnet.acns.fsuMMER.edu) writes:

- > Sometimes I use Exceed to run a Common Desktop Environment on an IBM
- > type computer. (Pentiums and all that.) After a while, I discovered that
- > I had to type
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- > DEVICE, DECOMPOSE=0
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- > for the colors to work. (Thanks to RSI for letting me discover that
- > while searching their site for something else and for RSI tech. support
- > for not realizing that that was the solution to my problem.)

What!? Don't those folks read this newsgroup? That is the answer to 95% of the problems that have the word "color" in their descriptions! :-)

- > Now, I've a new problem.
- > The problem is that, while using exceed, the colors don't cycle
- > on-screen. The displayed picture (or, say, XLOADCT) colors stay the
- > same. You have to reload the picture to see the final outcome of the
- > palette change.

The answer to the other 5% of the color questions is "that is how 24-bit color works". Here are some articles you might want to read:

<http://www.dfanning.com/documents/tips.html#UsingColors>

Specifically, be sure you read these:

<http://www.dfanning.com/tips/colors24.html>

<http://www.dfanning.com/tips/noxloadct.html>

http://www.dfanning.com/tips/image24_colors.html

The kind of information you have been asking about lately is covered in **extensive** detail in my book. If you are a student, you might be interested in one of my "student discounted books". I got some books back from Amazon this weekend, whose covers had been damaged in shipment. (More likely in **unpacking** the shipment, but they are selling so many books for me, I'm not inclined to complain.)

In any case, these books don't look so good on the outside, but they save you **months** of aggravation on the inside. :-)

Cheers,

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