
Subject: Re: graphics window
Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 09 Jul 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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Liam Gumley (Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu) responds to
some gentle fun I was poking at him with this:

> I agree that 24 bit color is the way to go if your graphics hardware
> supports it. It's just that these old 8-bit Unix boxes take forever to
> die.

And a good thing, too, or some of us wouldn't be able
to get any work done answering all the "Device, Decomposed=0"
questions we would be getting. :-)

> PS You can try starting Netscape with the flag 'ncols' to reduce the
> number of colors used, e.g.
>
> % netscape -ncols 32 &

Thanks for this. I've updated my article on this subject to
include this piece of advice. Netscape is probably the
number one reason for color flashing, followed closely
by running two IDL sessions on the same machine. But in
any case, the problem can be easily handled by knowing
more about how (and when) IDL selects its colors:

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

Cheers,

David

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