
Subject: Re: can't change colortable in current window (linux bpp24)

Posted by [David R. Klassen](#) on Fri, 16 Jul 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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To control which mode your X server begins in under Linux:

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startx -- -bpp #
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Where # is the number of bits per pixel you wish. All of this is assuming you have defined the particular color-depth in your XF86Config file.

Liam Gumley wrote:

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> "J.D. Smith" wrote:

>> Sadly, the most popular X servers for Linux (XFree86) do not support

>> overlays... I.E. they can't do PseudoColor when running in TrueColor

>> mode. Version 4.0 will add this feature, but it is far from ready.

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> That's interesting. I based my comments on my experience with SGI, which

> allows PseudoColor or TrueColor modes to be used when you have 24-bit

> hardware. I guess that to use IDL PseudoColor mode, you'd need to

> restart your X server in 8-bit mode. Could you remind us of the syntax?

> In addition, are there any other Linux X servers which do provide this

> capability?

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> Cheers,

> Liam.

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