
Subject: Re: graphics window

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David Fanning wrote:

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

Another option which is use is:

netscape -install

which installs a private colormap for netscape with the full 256 colors. Web pages look good, and idl is happy to run a the same time. The only drawback is colormap flashing when in netscape, but I just put it on it's own virtual desktop and fill the screen with it, so it's not too big of a nuisance.

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