Subject: Re: Prevent color flashing
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pln@egret1.stanford.edu (Patrick L. Nolan) writes:

> David Fanning (davidf@dfanning.com) wrote:
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> :   3. You have NetScape running when you start up IDL.
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> :   NetScape likes a LOT of colors, just like IDL. If
> :   NetScape is running when IDL starts up, there are
> :   no colors left in the shared color map and IDL gets
> :   a private color map. The solution is to tell NetScape
> :   to restrict its color consumption (I always forget how,
> :   but it's simple).
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> This was the problem. When I shut Netscape off, I was able to share
> the colormap. I have started netscape with the option -ncols 128, which
> makes it much less obnoxious.

> Thanks.

You might try "netscape -install" which tells Netscape to use a private color
map. This allows IDL to use a lot more colors. The side effect is that
when Netscape is selected, then all the other programs end up with weird
colors.

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