
Subject: Re: Color problem on Mac, not Windows - something about 239?
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David Hirsch, dhirsch.IHATESPAM@mail.utexas.edu writes:

[problems with colour tables on MacOS]

I get the same thing on a PPC9600/OS8.6/IDL5.2.1. I don't know where it is coming from, but it looks like the Mac window manager isn't giving IDL what it wants. There's a similar problem in direct graphics where the first and last items of a 256-element colour table are always black and white on screen, whatever IDL might think they are internally. The online help for IDLgrWindow does warn that 256-colour windows might behave strangely.

The solution to your problem is to make the window an RGB one (color_model=0) and associate the palette with the IDLgrImage. Conceptually this makes more sense anyway - and it will allow you to add annotations to images in colours not contained in the image's colour table, useful for colour overlays on B+W images. In your example program just replace:

```
myWindow->SetPropery, palette=myPalette
```

with:

```
myImage -> SetProperty, palette=myPalette
```

everywhere it occurs and everything works fine. (You'll also have to move the creation of myImage so it occurs before the palette allocation)

Struan
