Subject: Re: How to display image on X root window?
Posted by Martin Schultz on Mon, 20 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT
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"David G. Grier" wrote:
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> Hi Folks,
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>   Is there a straightfoward way to get IDL to display an image on the
> root window of an X display?
> I have something in mind along the lines of xloadimage -onroot
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>   Alternatively, is there a way to open an IDL window with no borders
> or title bar?
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>   Finally, is there a way to open an IDL window on an alternate
> display? Again, I have something
> in mind along the lines of xloadimage -onroot -display :0.1 .
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>   Thanks in advance,
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>   David
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> P.S. My problem getting IDL 5.3/5.4 to work under Mandrake Linux 7.2
> isn't solved yet.
> RSI suggested switching to RedHat 7.0, but I'm looking for a better
> solution.
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If you use KDE, putting an image on the root window won't do you much
good, for if you change your desktop and back again, it will be
overwritten with the old background. However, you can exploit this
feature, define a background image in KDE and overwrite this image
file from IDL. I do this to load "current" (i.e. today's) satellite
images on my background. Only that I barely ever see them because of
all these open windows. Time for a 64" monitor ;-)

Cheers,
Martin

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