
Subject: Max Woes Re: Back to idl after a looong time...

Posted by [davidf](#) on Sat, 10 Feb 2001 23:22:44 GMT

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Pavel A. Romashkin (pavel.romashkin@noaa.gov) writes:

> Make sure it works on my darn Mac, too!

I was teaching an IDL course this week and I had the ... (well, "pleasure" is not the right word) of using an iMac as one of our machines.

I was absolutely depressed at how sucky (I'm sure that is the right word) my device-independent color programs worked. It seems it is impossible on the Mac to flip between a color decomposition on and a decomposition off state. It seems like you have to decide if you are going to use color tables or not. If you decide you are, I don't know how you ever display a 24-bit image in the same IDL session. :-(

I don't remember the Macs having these kinds of problems several years ago. Maybe the new X operating system will solve these problems. But as it is, I don't see how anyone gets useful work done with IDL on a Mac.

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I'm re-writing all my example programs this week to add the disclaimer "Almost certainly won't work as expected on a Mac". :-(

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