
Subject: Re: array dimensions

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Francesco (francesco.spada@jrc.it) writes:

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> I'm particularly interested in this keyword since I have many problem
> with colors.
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> First of all I'm working with IDL 5.4 for win and I use WIN98 (16.8
> millions of colors (24 bit)).
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> For fixing some color problem I use (taken from the demo of IDL, I
> don't know what they mean):
>
> device, decomposed=0
> device, bypass_translation=0
>
> When I make some contour with /fill all is all right, but when I try
> to use xinteranimate
>
> wdelete
> xinteranimate, set = [xw,yw,hrs]
> for i=0,hrs-1 do begin
>   xinteranimate,frame=i,image=imgs(*,*,i)
> endfor
> xinteranimate
>
> I get completely different (and not really nice!!) colors from the
> imgs that I see before the animation.
>
> Does anyone can tell me why and what's the meaning (in a simpler way
> than that of the IDL man) of the device keyword I use?
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In a simple way, DECOMPOSED=0 means don't take this number I specify for a color and decompose it into 8-bits of red information, and 8-bits of green information, and 8-bits of blue information. Instead, use the number I specify as an index into a color lookup table, and use the RGB values you find there to specify the color I want.

You can learn a great deal about color by reading these articles on my web page:

<http://www.dfanning.com/documents/tips.html#UsingColors>

Or, you could purchase my book, which only costs about 16 million lira in Italy, I think. :-)

Cheers,

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