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Subject: Re: a problem with IDL 3.6.1.a?

Posted by [gurman](#) on Thu, 11 Aug 1994 18:26:40 GMT

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In article <32db4a\$93@zip.eecs.umich.edu>, pan@quip.eecs.umich.edu (Tin-Su Pan) wrote:

> We just upgraded our IDL from version 2.3.2 to 3.6.1.a on our DEC 5000  
> ultrix system. One thing bothers me with the new version is the fonts  
> and background color shown in the help menu (by typing ?) and in the  
> color table (by typing xloadct) don't seem to be right. In specific,  
> the color bar (using xloadct) is too long that it even shows an  
> uncontrollable black bar attached to the color bar. The old version IDL  
> did not have this problem. Does anyone have the same problem or Am I  
> missing something? Thanks for your time.

Tin-Su -

I'm afraid it isn't entirely clear from your post, but what you seem to be seeing is that DECwindows Motif is not giving you the full 256 colors, but rather some smaller number (check by: print, !d.n\_colors) after subtraction of the color table locations of the colors reserved to the Window Manager.

We don't have any Ultrix systems any more, but a typical number for OpenVMS AXP and OSF/1 AXP is 235, rather than 255, colors available.

Hope this helps,

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