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Subject: Re: ARG! Direct Color problem IDL 5.5/Linux (decomposed doesn't help)  
SOLVED

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2002 11:00:29 GMT

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Reimar Bauer (r.bauer@fz-juelich.de) writes:

> My result is that it is forbidden to ask for the visual\_depth!!!  
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> If I exclude this line and set myself depth to 24 all is good, but how  
> will I determine now between 16bit and 24 bit ?

This is not surprising. If you ask the display what it's visual depth is, it obviously has to establish a connection to a visual class to find out. If you do this *\*before\** you have selected a visual class, then it gets the default visual class (i.e., Direct Color) and all subsequent attempts to define a different visual class fail, since a visual class has already been established.

The procedure is simple. Establish a visual class FIRST. Then open windows, inquire what its properties are, etc. AFTER.

Cheers,

David

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