
Subject: Re: Hard crashes with device,/retain=2 ??
Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2003 09:47:29 GMT
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Big Bird wrote:

> For some reason the default retain=1 started working for me a while
> ago -- I never had to care about backing store but somewhere during
> the upgrade from 5.3 to 5.5 or there around I lost the ability to
> obscure windows. This was when I got a new computer (P4-2.8 if it makes
> a difference, running RedHat8.0 with whatever version of XF86 is the
> default, so the problem might well have to do with X and not IDL).
>
> No problem I thought and added the line "device,retain=2" to my
> startup file. Over the next week or two I experience hard crashes on
> my bot -- about once a day. I've been noodling around unixoid systems
> for a decade now and I've NEVER had to hit a reset button - until now.
> At some point I started suspecting it might have to do with the
> ominous warnings in the IDL help that retain=2 should only be used for
> really important windows and I took the line out of my startup file.
> Lo, I haven't had any of those crashes since.
>
> Coincidence? Possibly -- so I figured I'd ask around if others have
> experienced similar strangenesses around retain=2 or if this is maybe
> even a well-known problem with 5.5 or something. (Yes, I have
> installed the patch for those color-bands ...) Or if there's just
> something funny with my box.

That sounds like a video card driver issue to me.

What's the video card? (It's not an NVidia, using their drivers, by any chance is it?).

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