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Subject: Hard crashes with device,/retain=2 ??

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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.

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