
Subject: Re: Colour tables in linux (and default setting of retain)

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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:

> { x86 linux unix linux 6.0.3 Feb 26 2004 32 64}

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> I have a problem with colour tables... I've set my server to 8 bit. If I
> use a "windowmaker" session, all is as it should be (I get a private
> colour map and when I select the plot window I see the real colours).
> However, if I have a gnome session then this doesn't work: I only get
> to see the colours if I also open a widget draw window (eg xloadct) and
> select the graphics area on that. This seems pretty weird to me: is there
> a known answer?

The same problem showed up in a linux machine with 24-bit X-server
with "writable" colormaps (that is, directcolor) and was solved by
using a "static" colormap instead (that is, truecolor).

Now, this is just a guess, but in 8-bit, you could try to use
staticcolor instead of the "writable" pseudocolor:

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device,static_color=8
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help,/device
```

Not sure if it works, but it might be worth a try...

Cheers,

Paolo

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> A sceond problem is that the system doesn't seem to be remembering my
> setting of window,retain=2. Is there a system variable to set the retain
> value default?

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> This is all on an itona x-term, if that matters.

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