Subject: Re: plotting and colors
Posted by Rick Towler on Tue, 18 Oct 2005 16:10:56 GMT

rlayberry wrote:
> I have always had problems plotting with colors. For example, I am
> using a PC remotely connected to a linux machine running idl.
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> if i do...
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> a=findgen(1000)/10.0
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> window,1,retain=2
> plot,sin(a),background=255
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> then I get black on a red background, whereas the help says I should
> get black on a white background...
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A classic FAQ. Check out David Fanning's website www.dfanning.com.
While there, you may want to check out this:

http://www.dfanning.com/color_tips/colors24.html

I recommend his book. It is well worth it and you won't feel so guilty
using all of his code :)

You may also want to consider running your X server in 8-bit mode.

-Rick