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Subject: Re: window

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 03 Nov 2005 06:57:35 GMT

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Ken Mankoff writes:

- > I cannot replicate this. For me the default CT is grayscale with
- > index 0 as black and 255 as white so color=250 is almost-white.
- > Perhaps you are running a site-wide startup file that is
- > initializing a CT for you with red at index 250?

Try this, you will see what he sees:

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Device, Decomposed=1
Plot, indgen(11), Color=250
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- > If you want yellow/blue/green color you need to
- > a) make sure they are in your colortable
- > b) figure out where they are
- > c) then use the color=(a number) syntax to access them.

Good advice for the 1970's, but the last time I looked it was at least 2001. :-)

There are MUCH better ways to specify colors these days. But why do we always have to roll our own!? Couldn't RSI figure out a way to give us some simple drawing colors?

Cheers,

David

P.S. Sorry if I appear to be a little out of sorts. It happens to me every time I teach an IDL class and have to apologise all day long about windows that don't resize, and colors that are incomprehensible, TV commands that don't display images in color, etc, etc. Shouldn't someone be paying attention to the essentials that people use every day instead of dreaming up yet more iTool functionality that no one I know wants to use? Just my 2 cents worth of ranting.

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