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Subject: Re: Force 8bit display ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 16:13:38 GMT

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L. Testut writes:

- > This doesn't set my display to a PseudoColor 8-bit ?
- > my display seems to be is locked to TrueColor 24-bit.
- > IDL> device, get\_visual\_name=name, get\_visual\_depeth=depth
- > always return me depth=24 and name=TrueColor even after invoking the
- > magic formula device, pseudo\_color=8 ? (because of LINUX and not UNIX
- > ??)

Humm. I was afraid of that. It probably has more to do with the kind of hardware you are using. People have moved on and no one making 24-bit machines today can imagine why *\*anyone\** would want to cripple the darn things like this. :-)

I have a LINUX OS on my laptop now (a LONG story...), so maybe I'll have a chance to play with this later.

- > As the sixties-seventies period are very fashionable at the moment, I
- > propose that you build a special color table dedicated to this period
  
- > mycolor = getcolor(/seventies) ; marvellous beatnik color table

A great idea! But how would this differ from HardCandy or Nature, two colortables I *\*know\** were created when the authors were on acid?

Cheers,

David

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