
Subject: Re: Force 8bit display ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 14:21:37 GMT

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L. Testut writes:

> Do you know if it is possible to set the display depth at 8 bit
> instead of 24bits. I'll try :
> IDL> device, /pseudo_color ;but values are always set to default
> values

What you are asking for here is a 1-bit pseudo color visual.
I'm guessing you don't get it because even those guys from
the 1970's needed more colors than that. :-)

I'd try DEVICE, PSEUDO_COLOR=8 if you are *really* convinced
this retro look is what you want.

I guess this could be a trend. I've had several questions
this week about 1970s-era programming techniques. And last
night, when I went to a high-school basketball game with my son,
I noticed the fans are now dressed in retro basketball outfits,
with short shorts, etc. You never know about these young people.
It's a good thing I haven't thrown out all those wide paisley ties!

Cheers,

David

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