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Subject: Force 8bit display ?

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Hi everybody

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

By default when I start IDL visual\_depth=24, and visual\_name=TrueColor and Decomposed=1. I work on a laptop under LINUX debian.

As I'm working mainly with curve plots I'd prefer to have a dynamical color table (which if I understand well is equivalent to PseudoColor and 8bit). I'm trying to understand the color system since this morning and I will continue this afternoon to read my IDL bible (Fanning's book), so my question may be (or not !) obsolete in few hours ! but I don't care it's just for the pleasure to ask a question and to hear from you all.

Cheers,  
Laurent

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