
Subject: Re: Mac OSX and IDL6.3

Posted by [Karsten Rodenacker](#) on Thu, 18 May 2006 15:25:41 GMT

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Hi Ben, I don't see the problem on my powerbook. But I try regularly to update (apple, darwin ports, fink). Its not just a help, but

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pbkaro:~ karo$ echo $DISPLAY
```

```
:0.0
```

```
pbkaro:~ karo$ idl
```

```
IDL Version 6.3, Mac OS X (darwin ppc m32). (c) 2006, Research Systems, Inc.
```

```
Installation number: ...
```

```
Licensed for use by: ...
```

```
IDL> help,/device
```

```
Available Graphics Devices: CGM HP LJ NULL PCL PRINTER PS REGIS TEK X Z
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```
Current graphics device: X
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```
Server: X11.0, The XFree86 Project, Inc, Release 40400000
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```
Display Depth, Size: 24 bits, (1920,1200)
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Visual Class: TrueColor (4)
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Bits Per RGB: 8 (8/8/8)
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```
Physical Color Map Entries (Emulated / Actual): 256 / 256
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```
Colormap: Private, 16777216 colors. Translation table: Enabled
```

```
Graphics pixels: Decomposed, Dither Method: Ordered
```

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Write Mask: 16777215 (decimal) ffffff (hex)
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Graphics Function: 3 (copy)
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Current Font: <default>, Current TrueType Font: <default>
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Default Backing Store: Pixmap.
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```
IDL> window,0
```

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...
```

Regards

Karsten

Am Thu, 18 May 2006 16:17:51 +0200 schrieb Ben Tupper

<btupper@bigelow.org>:

> Hello,

>

> I have installed IDL 6.3 onto a Mac OSX (10.4) G4 laptop. In the past

> (pre 6.3) I have used Terminal.app for the command line - which works

> great as long as X11 is running. Now I have bumped into a problem with

> where IDL 6.3 starts and runs from the Terminal.app command line, but

> when I invoke any graphics commands (PLOT, TV, etc.) IDL exits with a

> "bus error". Oddly, a HELP, !D,/STRUCT shows that X is the graphics

> device but HELP, /DEVICE results in the bus error problem. I *can*

> run IDL 6.3 just fine from the X11 command line - but that command line

> is quite limited compared to Terminal. I am holding off on installing
> other places until this gets resolved.
>
> The error is logged in /Library/Logs/idl.crash.log but it is all Greek
> (or is it Latin?) to me. Any thoughts on what might be going on?
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> Thanks!
> Ben

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