
Subject: Re: Mac Cursor

Posted by [Christopher Thom](#) on Wed, 08 Nov 2006 23:42:38 GMT

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Quoth Paul van Delst:

> Christopher Thom wrote:

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> Yeah, my "local" mac user group members pointed out several options - an

> all of them involved installing software (free and \$\$). I was (am)

> amazed - isn't this sort of thing a basic need?

Astoundingly, ex-unix nerds are not apple's primary demographic. :-)

> Ah - and turning off autoraise is the second thing I always do on linux

> boxes (after setting the focus-follows-mouse). I like to have my IDL

> display windows always be on top while I type commands into the IDL

> command line. When I need big displays and screen real estate is an

> issue, focus-follows mouse + no-autoraise lets me have a large window

> and a couple of visible lines of a terminal peeking out the bottom for

> IDL command entry.

try the IDL command "wshow". This raises the plot window, but focus remains on the IDL session. At least, it works for me on my MBP, running IDL through emacs.

>> Incidentally, you CAN get this feature with Terminal.app (and only

>> terminal, sadly): defaults write com.apple.Terminal FocusFollowsMouse

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> Well, actually, for now that is a *huge* help. Thanks very much for the tip.

No worries. I don't use Terminal.app, but i just tested -- you get the desired behaviour *without* autoraise! So apparently it's possible in the OSX WM. Now if apple would just make that a system preference along with highlight-copy....

cheers

chris
