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Subject: Variable No. of Windows with Phase of Moon  
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Hi Folks,

Anyone seen this. I'm running a program on a Windows machine.  
I want to know if a particular pixmap window is still open.  
The window index number is something like 75. To check  
whether it is still open or not, I get the window "state"  
like this:

```
DEVICE, WINDOW_STATE=theState
```

This is suppose to be "an array containing one element  
for each possible window". If it has a 1 in the right  
slot, the window is open and available.

```
windowIsOpen = theState[75]
```

All well and good, but when I run my program, theState  
variable changes from a 139-element array to a 65-element  
array within seconds of running the exact same code!

I've done this many times, and I can find no pattern in  
the output. Oh wait!! It is apparently Morse code. Let's  
see...

```
S-W-I-T-C-H T-O M-A-T-L-A ...
```

Oh, never mind. I could have guessed that. :-(

Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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