
Subject: Startup on LINUX Question

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Folks,

I have an IDL startup file on my LINUX machine. The first line in the file is this:

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DEVICE, RETAIN=2, TRUE_COLOR=1, SET_CHARACTER_SIZE=[9,12]
```

When I start up IDL 7.0.1 in the IDL Workbench this file is executed (there is a print statement at the end of the file to let me know it executed). And, indeed, graphics windows are retained, etc. *But* when I issue a plot command, I still have tiny fonts. At some random time during the day (I have no idea when), something in IDL "wakes up" and all of my graphics from then on contain the larger font I specified in my startup file. This can take an hour, sometimes I don't notice the larger fonts until after lunch.

If I have small fonts and I .reset my IDL session, I re-run my startup file, and I still have small fonts.

If I have larger fonts and I .reset my IDL session, I continue to have larger fonts.

Does anyone have the faintest idea what might be going on here?

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)

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