Norbert Hahn wrote:
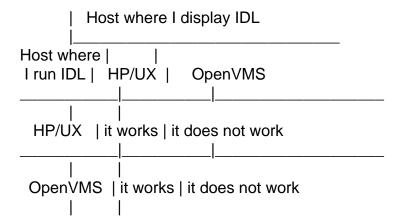[...]
>
>> The problem is probably that the IDL windows do not receive the focus: the windows
>> "palette" and "idl 0" never become the actief window. Even when I click on that
>> windows.
>
> What makes you think so ?

When a window become actief, the display manager changes the color of the border of
this window. When I click on the "idl 0" window, the color of its border does not
change. If the window does not become actief, its private color map will not be showed
by the display manager

Now, this behaviour seems to be specific to OpenVMS.
I just made few test by running IDL on different machine and display:

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            |   Host where I display IDL
            |_____
 Host where |          |
  I run IDL |   HP/UX  |    OpenVMS
 _____|_____|_____
            |          |
    HP/UX   | it works | it does not work
 _____|_____|_____
            |          |
   OpenVMS  | it works | it does not work
            |          |
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So, the problem probably resides in the interface between the OpenVMS
window manager and IDL (or PV-WAVE).
Until now, I does not find this behaviour with other X applications.

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