
Subject: Re: Problem with X display
Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Fri, 26 Jul 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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MICHEL KRUGLANSKI wrote:

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> I work on a DEC alpha station 600 with a ZLXPE2 24-planes graphic card.  
> I use either IDL or PV-WAVE.  
> I have a problem when I try to use 256 colors.  
>   idl (or wave)  
>> print,!d.n_colors  
>       256  
>> window,col=256  
>> print,!d.n_colors  
>       16777216
```

In IDL, try this immediately after startup:

```
device,pseudo=8  
window,colors=256  
print,!d.n_colors
```

Note that the 'device' command as shown and the 'colors' keyword to 'window' only have an effect before any windows are opened. Once set, these options remain set for the rest of the IDL session.

Cheers,
Liam.
