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Subject: Re: IDL and the SGI window manager

Posted by [Graeme K Harkness](#) on Wed, 25 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Gus Braun wrote:

> I am running IDL on an Silicon Graphics system (SGI) and I am having a  
> problem with the window manager refreshing the IDL graphics windows.  
> For example, when I create a graph with the plot command I get an IDL  
> window. If another window moves in front of the IDL window the graphics  
> get erased. When the IDL window is brought to the front the graphics do  
> not get refreshed.

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> Is there a fix to this problem?

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> Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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> Thanks

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We had the same problem a while back. I put the following in my  
.Xdefaults file

idl.retain:    2

It instructs IDL to keep a pixmap of the windows rather than relying  
on the Xserver to do it. It seems to work fine.

Graeme

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