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Subject: transparent background for line plot in IDL 8.0  
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I have a question that seems to be simple, but the answer continues to elude me....

I have a straight-forward 2D plot (rainfall time series) that I want to import to powerpoint, BUT I would like to import it with a transparent background. Basically, I just want the plot with no background color. I have read the previous posts, but am lead to believe that 8.0 should be more simple.

Below is my plot command:

```
p=PLOT(leeTRMMday, color
='magenta',yrange=[0,0.5],thick=2,xticks=12,xtickname = months,$
      title='1998 - 2009 TRMM daily climatology',
background='transparent')
```

Is the BACKGROUND keyword used properly? The plot is what I want, but the background is still white. There are no compilation errors. What exactly does the BACKGROUND keyword in the PLOT procedure represent? Is this not the correct way to reference a clear background for a plot?

Thank you for any hints.  
cheers,  
teddy allen

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