
Subject: Re: graphics window

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 25 May 2011 16:12:21 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

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> Daniel Larson writes:
>
>> OK, i'm a long time user of IDL (10+ years), so I can't believe I'm
>> going to ask this question. How do I get the darn graphics window to
>> stay on top in IDL 8.1 on Windows 7? The preferences are set
>> correctly, I tried changing the backing store, the window size... Has
>> anyone else had this problem?
>
> Are you kidding!? All I do anymore is complain about
> the damn WSHOW command and why it's broken. The usual
> response from technical support is "Huh, what's the
> WSHOW command?"
>
> If fact, I have discovered that this is a deep
> conspiracy at ITTVIS to completely eliminate
> direct graphics. No doubt due the the increasing
> popularity of Coyote Graphics. :-)
>
> I have IDL running on the right monitor and graphics
> windows appearing on the left monitor. I have discovered
> in IDL 8.1 that if I have a direct graphics window and
> a function graphics window that I can NEVER put a
> direct graphics window in front of a function graphics
> window!
>
> You talk about something that annoys the living
> hell out of me...

I just moved my IDL 8.1 installation over to my left
monitor, where the graphics windows appear, just to
see what would happen.

I made a Coyote Graphics window:

```
IDL> cgHistoplot, cgDemoData(7), /Window
```

This window appears on top of my Workbench and disappears
when I click in the Workbench to edit a file. I can put it
back on top with cgShow:

```
IDL> cgShow
```

While that window is on the display, I made a function graphics window:

```
IDL> p = Plot( cgDemoData(1) )
```

That window also immediately appears on top of the Workbench. However, when I click in the editor to edit the file, the damn window won't go away! It stubbornly persists in staying directly in front of the area of the Workbench I want to type in!

To get rid of it, I click the "Minify" button.

Now, if I type WShow I get a Window Out Of Range error. If I type cgShow, my Histogram plot comes to the front. If I go to the taskbar and Maximize by function graphics window, it pops up in front of my Histogram window.

Now if I type cgShow, my Histogram window pops forward of the Workbench, but behind the persistently annoying function graphics window. I can bring the Histogram window forward of the function graphics window if I click on it, but I have to reach for the mouse, obviously, to do that.

Sigh....

Cheers,

David

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