
Subject: Re: idl plot window disappearances

Posted by [R.G.Stockwell](#) on Wed, 24 Aug 2011 14:30:18 GMT

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> "David Fanning" wrote in message
> news:MPG.28be1052804d190e989968@news.giganews.com...
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> R.G. Stockwell writes:
>
>> I suspect it is a specific and predictable application that is being
>> brought
>> up.
>>
>> Bring the IDLDE up front. Hit alt-tab and hold it down (keep the alt
>> key
>> pressed), so you have the little box showing you the icons of all the
>> active
>> programs. Then, while keeping the alt key down, hit esc to cancel the
>> alt-tab window. That will show you the order of all the windows that
>> exist.
>> This random app, is always the one in the second spot, assuming IDLDE is
>> the
>> first spot. Then, type wshow (IDLDE is still active) and bammo, the
>> IDL
>> gets moved to the spot of window0, and what was in the second spot (in
>> the
>> alt-tab window) is the new application.
>>
>> That is the error in wshow. it is moving the current window to the
>> idlwindow0 position (and it should do it the other way around, move the
>> idlwindow0 position to the current window position). maybe :)
>
> Well, I don't know. Following your directions, I can't make
> it pull up another application at all, but I sure have seen
> that happen. I'm using the Windows 8.1 version, is that what
> you are using?
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> You may be on the right track though, because creating a
> widget program before calling WShow might rearrange the
> order of windows enough to put the graphics window in
> the right position occasionally.
>
> I'm pretty sure you have done more research on this
> topic than ITTVIS. Maybe you should contact them. :-)

ha, it was about 5 minutes, so that might be true.

What it seems like is that IDL is assuming there are no other windows present, or that at least that the IDL related windows are all in the 'next' alt-tab queue.

cheers,
bob
