Subject: Re: idl plot window disappearances
Posted by David Fanning on Wed, 24 Aug 2011 02:30:59 GMT

R.G. Stockwell writes:

> I suspect it is a specific and predictable application that is being brought
> up.
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> 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.
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> 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?

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. :-)

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.idlcoyote.com/
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")