
Subject: Re: idl plot window disappearances

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 23 Aug 2011 19:08:55 GMT

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desertdryad writes:

> I'm a bit ew to IDL programming (but not to programming in general)
> and I have an issue that has me perplexed. I am trying to write a
> simple bit of code, where a plot is drawn and a user is prompted
> whether or not they want to accept a curve fit drawn on said plot, or
> attempt another set of fitting parameters. However, the plot window
> mysteriously vanishes the minute the prompt (from a 'read' command) is
> executed. So, one cannot decide whether to accept the curve fit,
> since it becomes invisible (the plot window simply goes blank). I
> have set 'retain=2' to no avail. How do I fix?

Use two monitors. Display your IDL plot windows on one monitor and your IDLDE in the other. ;-)

Until WSet gets fixed (unlikely, since it has been broken for so damn long!), there is no hope for this on a single monitor system. The alternative, I guess, is to write a widget program, rather than trying to collect input from the command line.

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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