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Subject: Re: Is IDL 8.1 Useable!?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 14:21:55 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> OK, let's think about this for a minute. What did we  
> learn yesterday?  
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> First, a LOT of people find IDL 8.1 either crashing itself  
> or crashing their machines. In my case, we found that this  
> is because a graphics driver was out of date.

I think I spoke too soon. :-(

Some things are MUCH better this morning. The program I wrote yesterday that absolutely crashed my machine actually works! But, when I went back to my original problem of trying to make a filled contour plot that had a defined number of colors, and I ran the program Mark Piper had sent me yesterday morning, I crashed again (twice!) in exactly the same way.

So, I would say IDL 8.1 and function graphics is pretty much hopeless for me. I don't think there is anything I can do to make these things work, except possibly offer to purchase the machines and hardware ITTVIS is using in their offices. (If they are selling!)

I still think the problem lies in the COLORBAR function, because this is still the place where my machine goes south.

Maybe I should get used to the "new" way of thinking that doesn't use color bars. That really is so 1970s! ;-)

Cheers,

David

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

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