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Subject: Removing Graphics from IDL 8.1 Window  
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Folks,

Does anyone know how to remove graphics commands from IDL 8.1 windows so the window can be reused? For example, I want to put a plot in the window, then later I want to put a contour plot in the window. I use commands something like this:

```
w = window()
w.select
p =plot(indgen(10),/CURRENT)
w.erase
c = contour(/test, /CURRENT)
```

But, the plot is still there when I resize the window. If I add p.hide=1, then the plot itself is hidden, but the axes are still there. (Actually, everything is still there, but just not displayed.)

What I want is the equivalent of these Coyote Graphics commands:

```
cgPlot, indgen(10), /Window
cgContour, cgDemoData(2), /Window
```

Any suggestions?

Cheers,

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

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