
Subject: Re: What color should it be?

Posted by [Xin Tao](#) on Fri, 20 Apr 2012 03:04:44 GMT

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Thanks for the explanation. That seems to be the solution.

Anyway, it's really unfortunate. This seems to be something that's really basic.

Xin Tao

On Thursday, April 19, 2012 2:47:45 PM UTC-5, David Fanning wrote:

> Xin Tao writes:

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>> I'm using IDL 8.1 from a Mac terminal. One strange thing that I don't understand is the color of the lines in the following command:

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>> plot, [0], color = !p.color

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>> If I just enter IDL, and type the command, the color is red, because !p.color is 255. I don't know why it's 255 by default but I know it's red in the X device. But the strange thing is if I type the command again, it becomes white! And !p.color is 16777215. So does anyone know why this is the case?

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>> I normally don't use PLOT command myself (use CGPLOT:)). This is to debug someone else's code.

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> I would guess this bug in all X Windows versions of IDL
> has something to do with it:

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> http://www.idlcoyote.com/graphics_tips/firstblank.php

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> But, don't think of this as some inexplicable mystery to be
> explained. Rather, think of it as an opportunity to educate
> a fellow IDL user to graphics commands that actually work. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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

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