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Subject: Re: Why is the content of my object graphics window being wiped?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 12 Jun 2013 12:57:40 GMT

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David Platten writes:

> OK - I've solved it. I have had to change the backing store setting in the IDL graphics preferences. Setting this to "Bitmap buffered, RETAIN=2" has fixed the problem.

If you want this program to work on machines (e.g., running LINUX) that treat RETAIN=2 as an onerous command from one of their parents that is safe to ignore, then the other, probably preferred, alternative is to set expose events on your draw widget and then to simply redraw the graphics hierarchy in this case. I've always thought of this one-line command as "elegant" rather than "clumsy", but I guess beauty is in the eye of the beholder. :-)

Cheers,

David

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

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