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Subject: Re: Why is the content of my object graphics window being wiped?  
Posted by [Mark Piper](#) on Fri, 14 Jun 2013 18:13:08 GMT  
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On Wednesday, June 12, 2013 4:35:01 PM UTC-6, Paul van Delst wrote:

> On 06/12/13 16:13, David Fanning wrote:

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>> Paul van Delst writes:

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>>> I'm having a similar problem, but with Function graphics.

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>>> I've gotten an nVidia driver installed (which apparently doesn't play

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>>> nice with RHEL6). Could that be the cause of the problem?

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>>> How does one set the FG equivalent of RETAIN=2?

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>> Really!? Can you show me an example of what you mean? I wouldn't have

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>> though FG needed any retaining. I would have thought this was all being

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>> handled via expose events. RETAIN is just going to get you into all

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>> kinds of trouble.

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> Sure. Take a look at:

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> <http://ftp.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/jcsda/CRTM/.plots/Screenshot.png>

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>> I'd be very curious to see what the problem looks like and what commands

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>> produce it.

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> I think the offender is

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> q = get\_kbrd(1)  
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> but that's not an issue for DG window refresh/retain and I can't recall  
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> it being an issue for FG in the past either. I pause to peruse and  
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> compare FG plots all the time.  
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> As far as I can remember (it did take an entire month to get IDL  
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> reinstalled on my "upgraded" computer) this is new behaviour. Whether  
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> it's caused by IDL v8.2.2 or by the use of the nVidia driver in RHEL6 --  
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> or some unholy combination of the two -- I'm trying to figure out.  
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> cheers,  
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> paulv

Hi Paul,

When called from the command line, NG are widget programs. So, on UNIX-based systems, if you're stopped inside a routine, the NG window won't get the expose event until you .continue the interpreter. There's a related issue when using NG in the Workbench which we're looking at repairing in IDL 8.3. We may also look at this for NG called from the command line.

I would like to get this fixed because it's key to be able to visually explore data with IDL.

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