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Subject: How to clear a NG window without erase method?

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Hello,

This is probably a silly question, but how does one clear a New Graphics window without using the erase method?

Actually, let me put it another way by stating what I want to do:

- 1) Produce multiple plots, but all in the same window, separated by a pause.
- 2) Save each plot reference in a hash that is returned to the caller.

For example, consider the test code below. I want to return all the plot references in the "gref" hash post-all-the-plotting:

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pro testplotcopy, gref = gref

; Pretend data
x = dindgen(100)
y = x^2

; Create a test window
owin = window(window_title='test window')

; Create an empty hash to hold the plot objects
gref = hash()

; Let's do 10 plots
for i = 1, 10 do begin

; Let's display all the plots in the same window
owin.Erase

; Plot stuff
gref[i] = plot(x,y,current=owin)

; Pause to view and reflect, then continue
q = GET_KBRD(1)

endfor

end
-----%<-----
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The problem with this is the use of the "erase" method - that deletes all the current graphics objects in the window.

Without the erase everything just gets plotted on top of everything else.

So, how does one clear a graphics window for subsequent plots, without deleting all the previous plot references?

I'm having a brainfade on this, so thanks for any info/pointers/tips.

cheers,

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