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Subject: Re: Idl.colors  
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 1997 08:00:00 GMT  
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Phil Williams wrote:

>  
> I thought that the line  
> Idl.colors: -5  
>  
> in my Xdefaults would tell IDL to use all but 5 of the available colors  
> (assuming xrdb -merge .Xdefaults).  
>  
> Now when I try to do this I get the following error:  
>  
> IDL> window  
> % WINDOW: X Windows resource "Idl.colors" has invalid value: -5 .  
>

I just did a quick check of the docs, and it doesn't explicitly say that you can do this (please correct me if I'm wrong). It does say that you can use the COLORS=-5 keyword to the WINDOW routine. In any case, I believe that this DOES work in the .Xdefaults file. We have this entry in our /usr/openwin/lib/Xdefaults file (Solaris 2.X):

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Idl*visual:          PseudoColor
Idl*colors:          -5
```

that works for IDL versions 4.0.1 and 5.0B5 . Worth a try?

"I will get by..." The Grateful Dead (great quote in your .sig Phil)

Dave

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