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Subject: Re: colors in IDL

Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Fri, 30 May 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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Dr.Bringezu,Frank wrote:

> is there anybody able to tell me how to overcome 256 colors in IDL.  
> There could be a simple solution but in fact I'm a new user. Sorry if  
> this is a boring questing.

You are always limited to a maximum color *\*table\** size of 256. However, depending on your display type, you may have a color *\*palette\** size of up to 16777216.

If you are running IDL on a PC or Mac, then you need to change your system display setup (independent of IDL) to get more than 256 colors.

You can find a lot of very useful information about colors in IDL at

<http://www.dfanning.com/documents/tips.html>

Cheers,  
Liam.

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