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Subject: Re: IDL 5.0 observations  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 03 Jun 1997 07:00:00 GMT  
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I wrote earlier today in response to a 16-bit color question:

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> For example, to draw a plot in yellow, you might type
> this in 16-bit environment:
>
> PLOT, data, Color=GetColor("yellow", /True)
>
> (I just tried this in IDL 5 running on WindowsNT 4.0
> and it didn't work! I got the plot in white, instead.
> I tried it in IDL 4.0.1 and it worked exactly as I
> expected it to work. I'm finding quite a few bugs in
> IDL 5, so I don't know what to make of this. I'll have
> to do more experimenting.)
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This "bug" turns out to be operator error. I forgot to restart IDL after setting my display to 16-bit color mode. So, yes, 16-bit color is similar to 24-bit color.

You can also draw a plot in yellow using hexadecimal notation for the color, like this:

```
Plot, data, Color='00FFFF'x
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Cheers,

David

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