
Subject: IDL Color Blues

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I tend to loose
The colors I choose
I got the IDL blues

The colors are flashing
The session is crashing
Labels have strange sizing rules

The online help won't work:
The display becomes weird
And the scrollbars are of no use

[guitar solo]

IDL 5 behaves bad
My widgets go mad
Yeah, I tell ya, I got the ol' IDL blues

Yes, I'm okay, just too many IDL problems today, maybe I also drank too much tea. But why does the IDL online help scroll nearly two pages down if I press the arrows, and not even one when I click between scrollbar and arrow? Why do I sometimes have to mark the text to make it visible? Why do my widgets size themselves wrong in IDL5?

Problem of the day: When there are too few free color cells for my IDL application, I use the COLORS keyword in the first WINDOW command to create my own color table with as many colors I want.

Now, is there a way to tell IDL which colors to take, and to keep some of the lower color cells intact? That's where the system colors are, and the colors of IDL's widgets.

It is very annoying when the display flashes when I enter and leave windows. And the other application that has all the colors (it's another IDL session, BTW) doesn't even have open windows at the time, so I would not notice any flashing.

Sun UltraSparc, Solaris 2.5.

Alex, waiting for IDL 5.0.2

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