
Subject: Re: IDL Color Blues

Posted by [Alex Schuster](#) on Thu, 14 Aug 1997 07:00:00 GMT

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David Foster wrote:

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> You might try putting the following in your
> /usr/openwin/lib/Xdefaults (or .Xdefaults) file:
>
>     Idl*colors:          -10
>
> This tells IDL to reserve 10 colors before grabbing color indices,
> thereby sparing colors used by the system.
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I tried this on some of our 8-bit Suns, but didn't notice any change.

I started an IDL session, opened a window, and IDL grabbed all available colors. Okay so far.

Then I starten another session, and opened a window with COLORS=50. When I moved the mouse into the window, the color table was changed, and the 50 colors allocated the first 50 cells.

Maybe this problem related to OpenWindows 3.4? (No, I did not forget to xrdp the .Xdefaults file.)

BTW, where does one find information about the entries in the .Xdefaults file? The only iformation I found was in

\$IDL_DIR/resource/X11/lib/X11/app-defaults/Idl, it wasn't of much help.

Lines like

```
! Size, resize behavior of the File Selection box, dialog_pickfile()
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```
Idl*XmFileSelectionBox.resizePolicy: XmRESIZE_GROW
```

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Idl*XmFileSelectionBox.width: 400
```

look promising.

Alex

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