Subject: 24 vs 8 bit color systems
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Hello All,

 This is a bit of a departure from the normal request for help. I am
getting ready to begin designing (aka programming) my final project for
my IDL programming class. I have read through Dave Fanning's book and
since I wasn't sleeping, Dave's not so subtle message about differences
between 8 and 24 bit displays became apparent. :-)

 However, (and this is the point of this post) I got to wondering just
how much of an issue this really is in today's environment. I suspect,
and would like feedback, that it is rather uncommon now-a-days to find
an IDL user who is working on an 8-bit color display. I assume that if
one can afford IDL, then one can also afford a "decent" graphics card.
I ask this question, because I would like to make the going in
assumption that the user of my project will be working on a 24 bit
system. Is this a "bad" assumption to make (i.e. are this still a
significant number of users still running on 8 bit systems?)

Thanks in advance,
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