
Subject: Re: special linux/idl problem

Posted by [Markus Feldt](#) on Tue, 08 May 2001 13:46:57 GMT

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Hai,

first, try to compare the output of the "xdpyinfo" linux-command.
look if there are any differnces on the three machines in question
concerning colour depths or the like.

second, try something like "device, pseudo_color=8 " before the
decomp=0 . of course, then you loose the rue-colour didsplay ...

good luck

m. feldt

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Subject: Re: special linux/idl problem

Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 09 May 2001 10:09:36 GMT

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This statement was wrong.
All of them do have this failure.

I will give a bit more informations about this machines:

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Settings: 24 bit

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Suse7.0

IDL:
V5.4.1

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I hope someone of you do have a similiar machine and is able to tell that these machine is working well.

regards
Reimar

xdpyinfo gives following results:

```
name of display:  :0.0
version number:  11.0
vendor string:   The XFree86 Project, Inc
vendor release number:  4001
maximum request size: 4194300 bytes
motion buffer size: 256
bitmap unit, bit order, padding:  32, LSBFirst, 32
image byte order:  LSBFirst
number of supported pixmap formats: 6
supported pixmap formats:
    depth 1, bits_per_pixel 1, scanline_pad 32
    depth 4, bits_per_pixel 8, scanline_pad 32
    depth 8, bits_per_pixel 8, scanline_pad 32
    depth 15, bits_per_pixel 16, scanline_pad 32
    depth 16, bits_per_pixel 16, scanline_pad 32
    depth 24, bits_per_pixel 32, scanline_pad 32
keycode range:  minimum 8, maximum 255
focus: window 0x1a0000b, revert to PointerRoot
number of extensions:  22
    BIG-REQUESTS
    DPMS
    Extended-Visual-Information
    FontCache
    LBX
    MIT-SCREEN-SAVER
```

MIT-SHM
MIT-SUNDRY-NONSTANDARD
NV-GLX
SECURITY
SHAPE
SYNC
TOG-CUP
XC-APPGROUP
XC-MISC
XFree86-DGA
XFree86-Misc
XFree86-VidModeExtension
XInputExtension
XKEYBOARD
XTEST
XVideo

default screen number: 0
number of screens: 1

screen #0:

dimensions: 1280x1024 pixels (433x347 millimeters)
resolution: 75x75 dots per inch
depths (1): 24
root window id: 0x2e
depth of root window: 24 planes
number of colormaps: minimum 1, maximum 1
default colormap: 0x21
default number of colormap cells: 256
preallocated pixels: black 0, white 16777215
options: backing-store NO, save-unders NO
largest cursor: 32x32
current input event mask: 0xf8603f
KeyPressMask KeyReleaseMask
ButtonPressMask
ButtonReleaseMask EnterWindowMask
LeaveWindowMask
ButtonMotionMask KeymapStateMask
SubstructureNotifyMask
SubstructureRedirectMask FocusChangeMask
PropertyChangeMask
ColormapChangeMask
number of visuals: 9
default visual id: 0x22
visual:
visual id: 0x22
class: TrueColor
depth: 24 planes
available colormap entries: 256 per subfield

red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits
visual:
visual id: 0x23
class: DirectColor
depth: 24 planes
available colormap entries: 256 per subfield
red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits
visual:
visual id: 0x24
class: TrueColor
depth: 24 planes
available colormap entries: 256 per subfield
red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits
visual:
visual id: 0x25
class: TrueColor
depth: 24 planes
available colormap entries: 256 per subfield
red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits
visual:
visual id: 0x26
class: TrueColor
depth: 24 planes
available colormap entries: 256 per subfield
red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits
visual:
visual id: 0x27
class: TrueColor
depth: 24 planes
available colormap entries: 256 per subfield
red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits
visual:
visual id: 0x28
class: TrueColor
depth: 24 planes
available colormap entries: 256 per subfield
red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits
visual:
visual id: 0x29
class: TrueColor
depth: 24 planes

available colormap entries: 256 per subfield
red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits

visual:

visual id: 0x2a
class: TrueColor
depth: 24 planes
available colormap entries: 256 per subfield
red, green, blue masks: 0xff0000, 0xff00, 0xff
significant bits in color specification: 8 bits

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Subject: Re: special linux/idl problem
Posted by [Carsten Dominik](#) on Wed, 09 May 2001 10:20:56 GMT
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Posted by [Ivan Zimine](#) on Wed, 09 May 2001 12:18:42 GMT

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 09 May 2001 13:33:04 GMT

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GREAT !!!!

This works,

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It was not possible to configure 32Bit.

Reimar

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Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Thu, 10 May 2001 14:41:32 GMT

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The startup file shown is the one I use routinely on all my IDL platforms. If you want to use 8-bit display mode on a UNIX box, the first line becomes

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Cheers,
Liam.
<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/~gumley/>

Subject: Re: special linux/idl problem
Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Thu, 10 May 2001 17:34:14 GMT
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I have used this line before in my startup and on most of our unix/linux systems this has defined the colors.

But in five new systems I am using the Elsa Gladiac MX Card it doesn't. It may be a failure in the graphics driver or by the card. I got always the greyscale colortable if I choose 24bit for colors. There was no difference by setting device, decomposed to 0 or 1.

three machines are AMDs two are Intel.

the command `device, true_color=24` fixed this problem.

The window command I have already used too.

Many thanks for this hint. This saved me money and time to exchange the card to an ATI card.

regards

Reimar

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Subject: Re: special linux/idl problem

Posted by [Carsten Dominik](#) on Fri, 11 May 2001 07:38:09 GMT

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>>>> > "LEG" == Liam E Gumley <Liam.Gumley@ssec.wisc.edu> writes:

LEG> The startup file shown is the one I use routinely on all my IDL

LEG> platforms.

So this was from you, Liam. Sorry that I forgot. Thanks.

- Carsten
