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Subject: Re: Wave under X11R4  
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In article <PH.92Feb13101317@vortex.ama.caltech.edu>, ph@vortex.ama.caltech.edu (Paul Hardy) writes...

>  
> ... when PV-Wave is  
> run, upon exiting X-windows, color Sparcstations do not display any characters  
> on the screen ...

I am using IDL with OpenLook, but I've seen the same behavior. The fix is to call the routine "clear\_colormap" immediately after exiting from X-windows. I ensure this by running X-windows from inside a shell script with the following line being "clear\_colormap", i.e.

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#!/usr/bin/csh
setenv IDL_DEVICE x
setenv OPENWINHOME /usr/openwin
$OPENWINHOME/bin/openwin -noauth $*
clear_colormap
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Bill Thompson

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Subject: Re: Wave under X11R4  
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In article <PH.92Feb13101317@vortex.ama.caltech.edu> ph@vortex.ama.caltech.edu (Paul Hardy) writes:

>  
> run, upon exiting X-windows, color Sparcstations do not display any characters  
> on the screen, either for input or output, but commands are accepted and  
> executed. Somehow the tty or video is left in a strange state if PV-Wave  
> runs. Has anyone else experienced this, and know of a workaround to reset  
> the video/keyboard upon exiting X?

I have experienced this. What is happening is that Wave is changing the colormap for the Sparc. The base Wave color table (B/W Linear) causes plots to be white lines on a black background. Unfortunately, this translates to white letters on a white background once you exit X.

Doing a "clear\_colormap" command, or reinvoking X will fix it. Alternatively, the last thing you can do before exiting Wave is to load a color table where the top value is black. The "prism" color table, number 6 I think, will do.

|-Ian Novack (Particle Man)-----ian@gomez.jpl.nasa.gov-|

| "Don't worry about it. Humans provide some very Jet Propulsion Lab |  
| important protein." -- Hobbes, to Calvin Pasadena, CA |  
|-Disclaimer: They might be fake, they might be lies. -- They Might Be Giants-|

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