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Subject: Re: <sigh> My color question

Posted by [Pavel A. Romashkin](#) on Wed, 07 Nov 2001 23:16:31 GMT

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I envy you. I was never ever able to produce anything nearly as great looking as those striped images of yours :)

Maybe, object graphics is the answer?... Although I am sure you'll find nightmares in there, too :(

Cheers,

Pavel

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 07 Nov 2001 23:23:23 GMT

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Subject: Re: <sigh> My color question  
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2001 01:41:01 GMT  
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Hi,

Our Linux guys have hit a SNAFU too with v5.5

The order of planes in the colour table gets reversed, such that on a 24 bit display RGB becomes BGR.

And this is with the startup fixes described below...

What gives, RSI? Nothing in the Release Notes about this.

Andrew

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Posted by [uk2](#) on Thu, 08 Nov 2001 02:48:46 GMT  
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-Pete

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Here is the tip on the RSI site:

[http://www.rsinc.com/services/output.cfm?tip\\_id=3257](http://www.rsinc.com/services/output.cfm?tip_id=3257)

Cheers,

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And once again, the newsgroup saves the day. Thanks for pointing this out. It's exactly what I needed. Given the startup file I already had, all I had to add was the device, bypass\_translation line and it worked.

Todd

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