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Subject: color flashing on one of identical(?NOT) suns  
Posted by [hradilv.nospam](#) on Tue, 19 Mar 2002 17:15:40 GMT  
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I've tried various settings for CDE - use more colors for applications, use most colors for applications, default, etc.

I'm not running (hardly) anything else on the machines (just xterms) and that doesn't seem to matter anyway.

Thanks for your help, in advance.

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Subject: Re: color flashing on one of identical(?NOT) suns  
Posted by [hradilv.nospam](#) on Thu, 21 Mar 2002 16:58:28 GMT  
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Does anyone have any ideas regarding this? Should I check with some unix/sun/CDE guru's? Please help.

On Tue, 19 Mar 2002 17:15:40 GMT, [hradilv.nospam@yahoo.com](mailto:hradilv.nospam@yahoo.com) (Vince) wrote:

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Mar 2002 17:07:28 GMT  
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Vince (hradilv.nospam@yahoo.com) writes:

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I've always found DirectColor visuals to be a nightmare.  
But, I guess you know that. :-)

I've always had good luck with TrueColor visuals.

Cheers,

David

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