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Subject: Keystrokes While IN a Graphics Window?

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Hey there everybody,

Way back in the day my desktop was a Solaris machine. And I vividly recall (I even have the programs that prove it) that I used to be able to have my cursor in an IDL graphics window and still have keystrokes register in the IDL terminal. So I could have my cursor sitting on a plot while typing "cursor, x, y, /nowait" and these characters would be printed out in the IDL terminal. This was neat because I could do things like check to see if a specific key was pressed using `get_kbrd()` OR a cursor button was clicked. Then I replaced my ancient Solaris box with a Linux box, which improved EVERYTHING about my life except my ability to have keystrokes register in the IDL terminal was lost. I've gotten by fine for the last few years, but I'm really itching to achieve this old behavior on my Linux box for a project I've just started. I'm imagining this is some kind of windows manager issue and there might be some way to tell KDE to allow me to get the behavior I'm seeking. Or there might be some way to tell IDL to behave the way I'd like it to. I thought I'd check here to see if anyone had any advice. I couldn't find anything obvious in the IDL help.

Best -Tim.

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