
Subject: Re: PLOT and colors

Posted by [Paolo Grigis](#) on Fri, 24 Nov 2006 08:37:25 GMT

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short answer:

device,decomposed=0

long answer:

http://www.dfanning.com/color_tips/colorchp3.html

useful command:

help,/device

Ciao,
Paolo

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Fri, 24 Nov 2006 18:00:38 GMT

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Jean

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 24 Nov 2006 18:18:15 GMT

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Or, whatever color happens to be loaded in color index
255 if you happen to have DEVICE, DECOMPOSED=0 set at
the moment. :-)

If you want a nice blue, you are MUCH better off trying
something like this:

```
plot, findgen(11), color=fsc_color('sky blue')
```

Now THAT should give you a nice blue! :-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Seppure ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
