
Subject: Re: change colors of IDL shell on OS X?
Posted by [swingnut](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 15:33:38 GMT
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Posted by [Maarten\[1\]](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 16:07:53 GMT
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Posted by [swingnut](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 16:29:33 GMT
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Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 18:05:14 GMT
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-Mike

Subject: Re: change colors of IDL shell on OS X?
Posted by [mmeron](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 18:48:55 GMT
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In article <1173972679.157755.322250@b75g2000hsg.googlegroups.com>,
swingnut@gmail.com writes:

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The routine SCREEN in my library will do it (in fact will set foreground and/or background to anything you wish). You can find it on the RSI user contribution page, the name of the library is MIDL.

For a quick and dirty fix, though, all you need is

```
!p.background = !d.table_size^3 - 1 & !p.color = 0
```

Mati Meron | "When you argue with a fool,
meron@cars.uchicago.edu | chances are he is doing just the same"

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Posted by [Christopher Thom](#) on Fri, 16 Mar 2007 03:32:15 GMT
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Quoth mgalloy@gmail.com:

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cheers
chris

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Posted by [swingnut](#) on Fri, 16 Mar 2007 21:45:44 GMT
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On Mar 15, 10:32 pm, Christopher Thom <c...@oddjob.uchicago.edu> wrote:

> Quoth mgal...@gmail.com:

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That would indeed be very tempting. Except, well, ewwww -- Emacs.
