
Subject: Re: IDL & MacX

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In article <3ri2p7\$hmt@post.gsfc.nasa.gov>,

Jeff Lee <jlee@osb1.wff.nasa.gov> wrote:

> I know this has been answered before, but I have lost the information...

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> How do you stop IDL from crashing MacX ? I seem to remember that it had

> something to do with the colormap...

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Hi Jeff -

You really can't stop IDL and PV-Wave from crashing MacX v1.2 (currently the latest release). I've used IDL and PV-Wave with MacX, eXodus and now MachTen.

There are four workarounds that I know of:

1) Downgrade to MacX 1.1.7

2) Sidegrade to eXodus (contact info below)

3) Upgrade to MacX 2.0 when it is released by Apple/Age Logic

4) Install Tenon's MachTen and X packages (contact info below)

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I prefer MacX over eXodus, but I know other people who feel just the opposite. I've passed on the IDL/PV-Wave/MacX bug to the developers of the new MacX, and assume they will correct it. It's in beta test at the moment. I don't know if it will be ready in 2 weeks, 2 months, the year 2000...

If you're on a tight budget or running on a PowerMac, eXodus is

probably your best bet, otherwise I highly recommend Tenon's MachTen and X server packages (Tenon should be native this month or next, and I suspect MacX will also be native in this timeframe). On my IIfx, MachTen is much faster than either MacX or eXodus. List price for the Pro version of MachTen and the X software is \$1045, but they have various discounts and specials throughout the year (especially during MacWorld conventions). I bought the two Pro and X packages during the time of the Boston MacWorld last August for \$350. Student discounts are also good. Keep in mind that the price for MachTen delivers a complete UNIX package for the Mac, not just an X server. Tenon's web site listed above runs on a Quadra 630 with 8MB RAM.

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