
Subject: WSet to negative value

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 17 Jan 2011 23:26:34 GMT

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Folks,

I was just fooling around with a program and realized I can do a WSet, -1 in this version of IDL (Windows 7.1.2). I am convinced this was not always possible, since I have written a lot of code in my day like this:

```
IF currentWindow GE 0 THEN WSet, currentWindow
```

I wonder if this is a Windows thing, or an IDL version thing. If anyone running an older version of IDL could try to set their graphics window to -1, I would love to hear what version of IDL you are running and what the results are:

```
WSet, -1
```

Thanks,

Cheers,

David

P.S. I am just putting the final touches on a completely revamped FSC_Window program. It is working great. You can have multiple resizable graphics windows, add and delete commands to/from the windows, replace commands, display multiple commands in the window, list the commands in the window, choose which of several windows you want to work with, send the commands to a PostScript file, make raster image files out of the window using ImageMagick or not, etc. I quite honestly have never seen anything like it in IDL. :-)

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Subject: Re: WSet to negative value

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 18 Jan 2011 20:35:48 GMT

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Paul van Delst writes:

```
> Doing
>
> IDL> wset,0
> IDL> wset, -1
> IDL> xyouts,0.5,0.5,'Dada',/normal,charsize=4
>
> put a big "Dada" on window #1 (not 0). Looks like "wset, -1" picks the last window
opened/created.
```

Probably the last time I looked at the WSet command in the on-line help was back in IDL 3.1. I should get up-to-date. :-)

Cheers,

David

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