
Subject: Re: Cursor in IDL 8 on Lion
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Oct 2011 20:26:58 GMT
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Jerru writes:

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The CURSOR routine!? IDL introduced widgets way back in IDL 3.0.

What are you trying to do? There might be a more, uh, modern way to do it. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Jerru](#) on Thu, 20 Oct 2011 22:37:22 GMT
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Thanks for replying, David. Unfortunately, I do need to use cursor, or rewrite hundreds of IDL programs in my 13-year-old library of user-authored procedures. I don't want to do that. I'd like cursor to work in IDL 8 just as it did in IDL 7.

To all the other dinosaurs out there still using cursor, as I

(proudly) am, the GOOD NEWS is, I did some nosing around and figured out a workaround solution by playing with X11 preferences.

- Go into X11 Prefs, select "Windows" pane.
- Enable "Click-through Inactive Windows."

Now my IDL cursor routine works again. I'm crossing my fingers that it continues to work.

So, if anyone else has this problem, it's not something to contact ITT about. It's just the new X11 implementation in Lion that is the culprit.

On Oct 20, 3:05 pm, Jerru <jerr...@gmail.com> wrote:

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And I repeat, it's kind of you to reply, David. Cheers, Jerru

Subject: Re: Cursor in IDL 8 on Lion
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Jerru writes:

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Well, I have to admit, I still use the ol' CURSOR command too on the odd occasion. Even in Coyote Graphics. For example, it is used with the PLACE

keyword to cgText to allow the user to place
some text in a regular ol' graphics window. :-)

```
cgDisplay  
cgText, /PLACE, 'Use CURSOR to locate this text', COLOR='red'
```

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