
Subject: Re: Don't retrieve !D.Y_VSIZE too quickly
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Sun, 04 Nov 2012 08:38:54 GMT
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Le dimanche 4 novembre 2012 02:59:03 UTC+1, wlandsman a écrit :

> For the second time this week, I found a need to repeat an IDL command for it to take full effect. Below is the sample program on my Mac

```
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>
> pro testwin
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>
> print,getprimaryscreenize()
>
> window,xsize=870,ysize=870,retain=2
>
>
>
> print,!D.y_size,!D.y_vsize
>
> print,!D.y_size,!D.y_vsize
>
>
>
> return
>
> end
```

> The output is

```
>
>
>
> IDL> testwin
```

```
>      1440      878
>
>      870      870
>
>      856      856
```

> So when I first ask to print !D.y_vsize it returns 870, but when I immediately ask again it returns 856.

```

>
> This problem is avoided if I put any sort of wait statement after opening the window.  It
appears to take a finite time, after I ask IDL to open a window with a Ysize of 870 pixels, to realize
that the toolbar is using up 22 pixels and adjust !Y.V_SIZE accordingly.
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> This delay is what may have caused the difficulty in getting the Mac useful screen size
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> ( http://www.idlcoyote.com/code\_tips/goldilocks.html ).  My solution for getting the useful Mac
screen size would now be the following:
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>
> function getmacsize
>
> xy = get_screen_size()
>
> window,xsize=xy[0],ysize=xy[1],/free
>
> wait,0.01
>
> out = [!D.x_vsize,!D.Y_vsize]
>
> wdelete,!D.window
>
> return,out
>
> end
>
>
>
> Of course, this will give flashing but at least it will give the right answer.
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>
> Cheers, -Wayne

```

This cannot be repeated in my configuration:

```
{ x86 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 8.2.1 Aug 20 2012    32    64}
```

```
IDL> testwin
```

```

1600    900
870     870
870     870

```

More likely a MacOS problem than an IDL one.

By the way, what "getprimaryscreenize()" function is exactly doing (that is not a standard IDL function)?

Cheers,
alain.

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Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sun, 04 Nov 2012 11:56:42 GMT
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getprimaryscreenize() is a Coyote program, though for the Mac it is equivalent to Device, Get_Screen_Size=theSize It is based on the discussions in this thread
<http://tinyurl.com/adz4v8p>.

--Wayne

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Subject: Re: Don't retrieve !D.Y_VSIZE too quickly
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Sun, 04 Nov 2012 12:09:46 GMT
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call of getprimaryscreenSize().
In 'testwin', you might exchange this function with original IDL's get_screen_size to check whether
a delay is still there.
Alain.

Subject: Re: Don't retrieve !D.Y_VSIZE too quickly

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sun, 04 Nov 2012 13:55:36 GMT

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Here's the simplest form of the test program

```
pro testwin
window,xsize=870,ysize=870
print,!D.y_size,!D.y_vsize
print,!D.y_size,!D.y_vsize
return
end
```

```
IDL> testwin
% Compiled module: TESTWIN.
      870      870
      856      856
```

The reason I previously included `get_screen_size` is that the problem only occurs when opening a window on my machine with a Y size between 856 and 878, in other words between the full screen size and the effective screen size which accounts the 22 pixels needed for the menubar.

On Sunday, November 4, 2012 7:09:46 AM UTC-5, alx wrote:

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>
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>
> Alain.

Subject: Re: Don't retrieve !D.Y_VSIZE too quickly

Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Sun, 04 Nov 2012 14:06:20 GMT

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>
> pro testwin
>
> window,xsize=870,ysize=870
>
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>

```

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Ok. Definitely different on Windows & IDL 8.2.1 :

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