
Subject: NG windows always on top, linux Mint
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Thu, 01 May 2014 11:31:45 GMT
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Under Linux Mint at least there is a very strange behavior which I believe to be a bug.

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The second one appears **behind** the first one and there's no way to make it appear before it. With a right click on the the first plot window, the option "always on top" is checked, so I have to uncheck it to make it behave "normally". Strange, huh? But the best comes when I do a third plot:

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which appears hidden **behind** the two previous ones, which is really what you expect from a window you just created :-(. If I want to see it, I have to uncheck "always on top" again from the **two** previous windows. Or, I could click on another window (say, thunderbird) and then click on IDL again and the "always on top" boxes will be unchecked.

I think this is new since IDL8.3 or since a changed for linux Mint (Cinnamon) but I cant be sure. Any other Mint/Ubuntu users here to test this? That would help me if I have to make a bug report, because it is relly tiring to see your new plots appear behind the old ones...

Cheers,

Fabien

Subject: Re: NG windows always on top, linux Mint
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Tue, 06 May 2014 13:40:20 GMT
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Folks,

I was hoping this to awake a least a bit interest at least by Excelis people (Chris)?

I've tested this on my other Mint machine and the same occurs: new windows always appear behind the old ones.

If it would happen on windows or mac people would have complained: anybody to confirm if this happens (or not) on other linux distributions? I'll wait a couple of days and open a bug report.

Fabien

On 01.05.2014 13:31, Fabien wrote:

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Subject: Re: NG windows always on top, linux Mint
Posted by [chris_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Tue, 06 May 2014 15:47:50 GMT
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Hi Fabien,
Can you try using the undocumented /WIDGET keyword, and see if that helps?
Thanks!
-Chris

Subject: Re: NG windows always on top, linux Mint
Posted by [Fabzi](#) on Tue, 06 May 2014 19:19:27 GMT
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Hi Chris,

On 06.05.2014 17:47, Chris Torrence wrote:
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Yes it helps, the windows behave normally with /widget! Do you know
what's going on?

Fabien

Subject: Re: NG windows always on top, linux Mint
Posted by [chris_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Tue, 06 May 2014 19:52:32 GMT
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On Tuesday, May 6, 2014 1:19:27 PM UTC-6, Fabien wrote:

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No, not really. All I know is that we've had lots of issues trying to keep those graphics windows on top when using the Java SWT canvas (that's the default when you're running from the Workbench). It must be some quirky interaction between Linux Mint and Eclipse that is making it especially bad in your case.

So for now, I would recommend just using /widget. Maybe keep your eye on the rest of your Linux Mint non-IDL applications and see if you see any strange behavior from them...

Cheers,
Chris
