
Subject: IDL and the SGI window manager
Posted by [Gus Braun](#) on Mon, 23 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT
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Is there a fix to this problem?

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: IDL and the SGI window manager
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We had the same problem a while back. I put the following in my .Xdefaults file

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idl.retain: 2
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It instructs IDL to keep a pixmap of the windows rather than relying on the Xserver to do it. It seems to work fine.

Graeme

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