Subject: Re: XLOADCT does not do anything in IDL for Windows 95
Posted by Joe[2] on Fri, 20 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

Make sure you have a line like:

device,decomposed=0

in your startup file. Or, enter it at the command prompt prior
to doing anything with the very first graphics window.

   J M Zawodny

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Posted by davidf on Fri, 20 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT

Paul R. Harvey (harveypr@isracom.co.il) writes:

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This is getting to be a bit redundant, isn't it? I have
a modest suggestion: Why not make Device, Decomposed=0
the default and let people who want true 24-bit color set

it by typing Device, Decomposed=1. Then people going to
24-bit color for the first time wouldn't be so darn
confused all the time. :-)

Try this:

   IDL> Device, Decomposed=0

Your Windows machine is set up in 16-bit or 24-bit color.
You will want to learn a little about what that means to
you. Lot's of good information about colors in IDL on my
web page. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. An alternative to XLOADCT is XCOLORS from my
web page. It is just a little bit smarter than
XLOADCT (although I see that XLOADCT is catching
up a bit in the newest versions).

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