

**NAME**

xrefresh - refresh all or part of an X screen

**SYNOPSIS**

**xrefresh** [-option ...]

**DESCRIPTION**

*Xrefresh* is a simple X program that causes all or part of your screen to be repainted. This is useful when system messages have messed up your screen. *Xrefresh* maps a window on top of the desired area of the screen and then immediately unmaps it, causing refresh events to be sent to all applications. By default, a window with no background is used, causing all applications to repaint “smoothly.” However, the various options can be used to indicate that a solid background (of any color) or the root window background should be used instead.

**ARGUMENTS**

- white** Use a white background. The screen just appears to flash quickly, and then repaint.
- black** Use a black background (in effect, turning off all of the electron guns to the tube). This can be somewhat disorienting as everything goes black for a moment.
- solid *color***  
Use a solid background of the specified color. Try green.
- root** Use the root window background.
- none** This is the default. All of the windows simply repaint.
- geometry *WxH+X+Y***  
Specifies the portion of the screen to be repainted; see *X(7)*.
- display *display***  
This argument allows you to specify the server and screen to refresh; see *X(7)*.
- version** This argument prints the program version and exits.

**X DEFAULTS**

The *xrefresh* program uses the routine *XGetDefault(3)* to read defaults, so its resource names are all capitalized.

**Black, White, Solid, None, Root**

Determines what sort of window background to use.

**Geometry**

Determines the area to refresh. Not very useful.

**ENVIRONMENT**

DISPLAY - To get default host and display number.

**SEE ALSO**

*X(7)*

**BUGS**

It should have just one default type for the background.

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