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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