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## Why is the background of my smongo x11 window is changed to black if CIAO is running?

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To further explain this problem, when CIAO had not been invoked, the sm setup opens device x11 with a white background. If CIAO has been started in *any* window, however, all future instances of smongo have a black background.

The way to solve this problem is to to explicitly declare the background color as part of the smongo initialization. In your `/home/username/.sm` file, change:

```
device      x11
```

to

```
device      x11 -bg white -fg black
```

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