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Subject: Re: drawing lines in IDL  
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Steve Hartmann ([morph@vuse.vanderbilt.edu](mailto:morph@vuse.vanderbilt.edu)) writes:

> Does anyone know how to use the mouse to draw free hand lines over a  
> displayed image?

Here is an example that involved some simple modifications of  
the example program to draw rubberband boxes that appears on my  
web page.

Click and draw with the LEFT mouse button to draw free-hand  
lines on the image. Click and drag with the RIGHT mouse  
button to draw straight lines on the image. Among other  
things this example illustrates is how you might go about  
collecting points for creating a free-hand region of interest  
using pointers.

Cheers,

David

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PRO Example\_Button\_Events, event

; All program button events handled here.

Widget\_Control, event.top, Get\_UValue=info, /No\_Copy

; Which button caused this event?

Widget\_Control, event.id, Get\_Value=thisButtonValue  
CASE thisButtonValue OF

'Quit': BEGIN

  Widget\_Control, event.top, /Destroy  
  RETURN  
ENDCASE

'Erase Lines': BEGIN

  WSet, info.wid  
  TV, BytScl(info.image, Top=info.drawColor-1)  
ENDCASE

ENDCASE

Widget\_Control, event.top, Set\_UValue=info, /No\_Copy

```
END  
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```

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PRO Example_Draw_Events, event
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```
; All program draw widget events handled here.
```

```
; Deal only with DOWN, UP, and MOTION events.
```

```
IF event.type GT 2 THEN RETURN
```

```
; Get the info structure.
```

```
Widget_Control, event.top, Get_UValue=info, /No_Copy
```

```
; What kind of event is this?
```

```
eventTypes = ['DOWN', 'UP', 'MOTION']
```

```
thisEvent = eventTypes[event.type]
```

```
whichButton = ['NONE', 'LEFT', 'MIDDLE', 'NONE', 'RIGHT']
```

```
CASE thisEvent OF
```

```
'DOWN': BEGIN
```

```
; Which button was used? LEFT or RIGHT?
```

```
info.buttonUsed = whichButton(event.press)
```

```
; Turn motion events on for the draw widget.
```

```
Widget_Control, info.drawID, Draw_Motion_Events=1
```

```
; Create a pixmap. Store its ID. Copy window contents into it.
```

```
Window, /Free, /Pixmap, XSize=info.xsize, YSize=info.ysize
```

```
info.pixID = !D.Window
```

```
Device, Copy=[0, 0, info.xsize, info.ysize, 0, 0, info.wid]
```

```
; Initialize the starting coordinates of the line.
```

```
IF info.buttonUsed EQ 'RIGHT' THEN BEGIN
```

```
    info.xstart = event.x
```

```
    info.ystart = event.y
```

```
ENDIF ELSE BEGIN
```

```

info.xvalues = Ptr_New([event.x])
info.yvalues = Ptr_New([event.y])
ENDELSE
ENDCASE

'UP': BEGIN

; Erase the last line drawn. Destroy the pixmap.

WSet, info.wid
Device, Copy=[0, 0, info.xsize, info.ysize, 0, 0, info.pixID]
WDelete, info.pixID

; Turn draw motion events off. Clear events queued for widget.

Widget_Control, info.drawID, Draw_Motion_Events=0, Clear_Events=1

; Draw the final line.

IF info.buttonUsed EQ 'RIGHT' THEN BEGIN

PlotS, [info.xstart, event.x], [info.ystart, event.y], $
/Device, Color=info.drawColor

; Reinitialize the line starting coordinates.

info.xstart = -1
info.ystart = -1

ENDIF ELSE BEGIN

PlotS, *info.xvalues, *info.yvalues, /Device, $
Color=info.drawColor

; Reinitialize the pointers.

Ptr_Free, info.xvalues
Ptr_Free, info.yvalues
info.xvalues = Ptr_New()
info.yvalues = Ptr_New()

ENDELSE
ENDCASE

```

'MOTION': BEGIN

; Here is where the actual line is drawn and erased.

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; First, erase the last line.

WSet, info.wid
Device, Copy=[0, 0, info.xsize, info.ysize, 0, 0, info.pixID]

IF info.buttonUsed EQ 'RIGHT' THEN BEGIN

; Draw a straight line.

PlotS, [info.xstart, event.x], [info.ystart, event.y], /Device, $
Color=info.drawColor

ENDIF ELSE BEGIN

; Get the points of the new free-hand line and draw it.

*info.xvalues = [*info.xvalues, event.x]
*info.yvalues = [*info.yvalues, event.y]
PlotS, *info.xvalues, *info.yvalues, /Device, Color=info.drawColor

ENDELSE

ENDCASE

Widget_Control, event.top, Set_UValue=info, /No_Copy
END
;-----

```

## PRO Example

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; Open an image data set.

file = Filepath(SubDirectory=['examples','data'], 'ctscan.dat')
OpenR, lun, file, /Get_Lun
image = BytArr(256, 256)
ReadU, lun, image
Free_Lun, lun

xsize = (Size(image))[1]
ysize = (Size(image))[2]

; Create the TLB.

```

```
tlb = Widget_Base(Title='Free-Hand Lines in a Widget Program', $  
    MBar=menubase)
```

; Create some menu bar buttons.

```
fileID = Widget_Button(menubase, Value='File', $  
    Event_Pro='Example_Button_Events')  
eraseID = Widget_Button(fileID, Value='Erase Lines')  
quitID = Widget_Button(fileID, Value='Quit')
```

; Create the draw widget graphics window. Turn button events ON.

```
drawID = Widget_Draw(tlb, XSize=xsize, YSize=ysize, Button_Events=1, $  
    Event_Pro='Example_Draw_Events')
```

; Realize widgets and make draw widget the current window.

```
Widget_Control, tlb, /Realize  
Widget_Control, drawID, Get_Value=wid  
WSet, wid
```

; Load drawing color and display the image.

```
drawColor = !D.N_Colors-1  
TVLCT, 255, 255, 0, drawColor  
TV, BytScl(Image, Top=drawColor-1)
```

; Create an "info" structure with information to run the program.

```
info = { image:image, $ ; The image data.  
        wid:wid, $ ; The window index number.  
        drawID:drawID, $ ; The draw widget identifier.  
        pixID:-1, $ ; The pixmap identifier.  
        xsize:xsize, $ ; The X size of the graphics window.  
        ysize:ysize, $ ; The Y size of the graphics window.  
        xstart:-1, $ ; The starting X coordinate of the line.  
        ystart:-1, $ ; The starting Y coordinate of the line.  
        xvalues:Ptr_New(), $ ; The X coordinates of the free-hand line.  
        yvalues:Ptr_New(), $ ; The Y coordinates of the free-hand line.  
        buttonUsed:'NONE', $ ; A flag to indicate which button is used.  
        drawColor:drawColor } ; The rubberband box color.
```

; Store the info structure.

```
Widget_Control, tlb, Set_UValue=info, /No_Copy
```

; Start the program going.

```
XManager, 'example', tlb, /No_Block  
END
```

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