
Subject: Re: drawing lines in IDL
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Steve Hartmann (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

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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PRO Example_Draw_Events, event

; 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

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        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.

```

; 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
```

```
ENDCASE
```

; Store the info structure.

```
Widget_Control, event.top, Set_UValue=info, /No_Copy  
END
```

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PRO Example

; 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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