
Subject: reversing background color in maps
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OK, guys and gals...

I'm trying to create a plot here that has a world map overplotted with my data positions. I can do that OK. My problem is that it plots as white on a black background. I need to reverse this and have a white background. For simplicity, I'm using the tek_color ct. I thought, hmmm... I'll just swap the black and white entries in the ct, and I'll be set. Right? Like this...

```
;//Save original color table  
tvlct, old_r,old_g,old_b, /get
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;//Set up colors for plotting  
tek_color  
BLACK = 0  
WHITE = 1  
RED = 2  
GREEN = 3  
BLUE = 4  
ORANGE = 8  
;//Reverse BLACK/WHITE  
tvlct, 255,255,255,0  
tvlct, 0,0,0,1  
WHITE = 0  
BLACK = 1
```

When I run it like this, I do get a white background but the box labels (from map_grid,/box) are gone and I get the lat lon grid lines in black even tho I didn't want grid lines at all (/grid not set in map_set). Anybody know of a way to get this workin' correctly??

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print, !version  
{ x86 Win32 Windows 5.0.2 Jul 23 1997}  
I'm kinda in the process of upgrading to 5.2, so please let me know if  
this works as wanted in 5.2.
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Thanks alot,
t bowers

Here's pretty much what the plotting stuff looks like if ya wanna know.

```
;//Find all unique lons/lats in data  
lon = (dataArray[lonIndex,*])[UNIQ(dataArray[lonIndex,*],  
SORT(dataArray[lonIndex,*]))]  
lat = (dataArray[latIndex,*])[UNIQ(dataArray[latIndex,*],
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SORT(dataArray[latIndex,*]))]

; //Append current lon/lat to lon/lat array list. I'll plot these arrays
(lons/lats) as data positions
lons = [lons,lon]
lats = [lats,lat]

; //Set up a margin that's a certain % of lat lon delta.
; // e.g 0.15 = margin extending 15% beyond bounds of data
margin = 0.15

; //I'll use these in upcoming call to map_set
minLon = min(lons,max=maxLon)
minLat = min(lats,max=maxLat)
lonMargin = (maxLon - minLon) * margin
latMargin = (maxLat - minLat) * margin
midLon = median(lons, /even)
midLat = median(lats, /even)

; //Set up map centered on data and extending margin % beyond data positions
map_set, midLat, midLon, $
/TRANSVERSE_MERCATOR, $
/ISOTROPIC, $
xmargin=[3,3], $
ymargin=[2,2], $
limit=[(minLat - latMargin), (minLon - lonMargin), $
(maxLat + latMargin), (maxLon + lonMargin)]

; //Make it look good with /box
map_grid, /box

; //Overlay coasts, etc.
map_continents, /coasts, color=GREEN, /hires
map_continents, /rivers, color=BLUE, /hires
map_continents, /countries, /USA, color=ORANGE, /hires

; //Overplot the data positions
oplot, lons, lats, psym=3, color = RED

; //Restore original color table
tvlct, old_r,old_g,old_b

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