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Subject: Re: New to IDL and having troubles

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Tue, 22 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT

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Kurki wrote:

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> I looked for a FAQ regarding this NG and didn't find one, so I'm going  
> to just jump right in --  
>  
> I was just introduced to IDL last week and given a few \*.pro files that  
> generated postscript files of graphs from external data files and I was  
> told to modify one of them to display my data -- well, no such luck. I  
> did get to the point of have about 2/3 of one of the plots on my graph.  
> The situation is this -- I have a file with 6 space delimited columns and  
> 126 rows. I want to plot the column 1 vs. column 3 and column 5. Most  
> of the time I'm just getting one axis and maybe the title of the graph  
> in my postscript file.  
>  
> My boss gave me a few books, including the "Using IDL" manual and I read  
> the chapter on graphing and tried to do some of their examples, but they  
> didn't work for me either!  
>  
> Now, I'm not new programming (I'm also not a serious programmer, but I  
> can get by) and this is frustrating the heck out of me. Does anybody  
> know what might be wrong?  
>  
> Thanks for any help you can give  
>  
> Sent via Deja.com <http://www.deja.com/>  
> Share what you know. Learn what you don't.

here is a copy from a recent post by Mike Schienle who maintains the  
FAQ:

<<http://www.ivsoftware.com:8000/FAQ/>> is the location for the FAQ.

< [http://www.ivsoftware.com/pub/faq/IDL\\_FAQ\\_Update19990515.htm](http://www.ivsoftware.com/pub/faq/IDL_FAQ_Update19990515.htm) I> is a  
snapshot containing the changed or added items from  
May 01, through May 15,  
1999.

<[http://www.ivsoftware.com/pub/faq/IDL\\_FAQ\\_19990515.html](http://www.ivsoftware.com/pub/faq/IDL_FAQ_19990515.html)> is a snapshot  
containing the latest version of the FAQ as of May 15,  
1999.

Also, check out the Coyote website by David Fanning:

<http://www.dfanning.com/>

If your boss gives you books about IDL, ask him to purchase David's book (which he can do from that website)!

Regards,  
Martin.

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