
Subject: Re: New to IDL and having troubles
Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 22 Jun 1999 07:00:00 GMT
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Kurki (kurki15@my-deja.com) writes:

> I looked for a FAQ regarding this NG and didn't find one, so I'm going
> to just jump right in --

Hooray for you! :-)

You can find the FAQ here:

<http://www.ivsoftware.com:8000/FAQ/default.htm>

> 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.

Well, you could be doing any number of things wrong. You may want
to read the series of articles on my web page entitled "Producing
Perfect PostScript Output" for some clues:

<http://www.dfanning.com/documents/tips.html>

My guess is that you have set the PostScript page up in such
a way that you are clipping the plot. My program PSWindow
might help you out with this. It creates a window on the PostScript
page with the same aspect ratio as your display window:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/pswindow.pro>

> 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!

Your boss is giving you the wrong books. :-)

Cheers,

David

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