Subject: XFWINDOW 0.6 - One-Touch IDL Printing on Unix Posted by Craig Markwardt on Sun, 19 Sep 1999 07:00:00 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I am pleased to announce and make available XFWINDOW and XFILTER. This package makes it very easy to print the contents of an IDL graphics window --- just the click of a single button!

When you run XFWINDOW, a normal IDL graphics window appears, adorned with a few extra buttons. You can perform all of your normal interactive IDL analysis using the standard IDL graphics commands. When you find a plot you like, simply press the "Output" button to make a printout. One-Touch printing indeed. No more SET_PLOT or DEVICE commands.

This is version 0.6, released to iron out any remaining bugs and encourage interest. Download it here: http://cow.physics.wisc.edu/~craigm/idl/idl.html

I think Unix people are really going to like this because it takes a whole lot of hassle out of making interactive plots. I played a lot of tricks and broke a lot of rules in writing this, so enjoy. Because of my trickery XFWINDOW is unfortunately not compatible with every system, as detailed here.

COMPATIBILITY: XFILTER, the underlying library that powers XFWINDOW, works only on certain architectures (Unix only at present). You must be running:

- * IDL 5.1 or higher;
- * SunOS, Solaris Sparc, DEC Unix/OSF/Tru64, Linux, or SGI IRIX.

Precompiled binary library modules are included for all of these platforms.

Sorry, but Windows, Mac, IBM AIX and HPUX are not supported. However if you want to try your hand at porting to an unsupported platform I would be willing to consult with you. Also read the file COMPILING in the distribution. [Don't worry. I don't have a Windows grudge. Well, not much of one anyway. I just don't have access to Windows machines.]

Full installation, users' documentation, and programmers' documentation are included in the distribution. The source code itself is available under the terms of the GNU General Public License.

Once again, enjoy!

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