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Subject: Re: xyouts character size to scale with the size of the plot window

Posted by [Ralf Srama](#) on Mon, 06 Mar 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Kristian,

I think you need to know how many plots you have on one page. You can access this by

```
a=!p.multi[1] ;i.e. 3 in your example
b=!p.multi[2] ;i.e. 7 in your example
c=a*b ;21
factor=0.01
xyouts,7,3,'STRING',/data,charsize=.7-factor*c ;results in a
;smaller character depending on your number of plots on
;the screen
```

You can now play with the factor for your needs.

Alternatively you could use the system variable !p.clip. It contains the coordinates of the last plot on the device. In the example below you have for the first plot the numbers 30 and 290. This is a difference of 260 for the x-size of your last plot. This difference is constant for the following plots (e.g. 329 and 589).

## !P.CLIP

The device coordinates of the clipping window, a 6-element vector of the form [(x0, y0, z0), (x1, y1, z1)], specifying two opposite corners of the volume to be displayed. In the case of two-dimensional displays, the Z coordinates can be omitted. Normally, the clipping window coordinates are implicitly set by PLOT, CONTOUR, SHADE\_SURF, and SURFACE to correspond to the plot window. You may also manually set !P.CLIP if you want to specify a different rectangular clipping window or if the clipping coordinates have not yet been set in the current IDL session.

```
IDL> plot, indgen(200)
IDL> print,!p.clip
    30    704    290    811     0    1000
IDL> plot,indgen(200)
IDL> print,!p.clip
    329    704    589    811     0    1000
```

Ralf Srama

Kristian Kjaer wrote:

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>
> I hope this is not a too FAQ:
>
> IDL> !p.multi=0
> IDL> plot,indgen(10)
> IDL> xyouts,7,3,'A string',/data,charsize=.7 ; Gives text reasonably
> sized for my purpose
> IDL> !p.multi=[0,3,7]
> IDL> plot,indgen(10)
> IDL> xyouts,7,3,'A string',/data,charsize=.7 ; Gives text which is too
> large for the window.
>
> How to get the xyouts character size to scale with the size of the plot
> window?
>
> Thanks for any help.
> Best regards, Kristian Kjær
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