
Subject: Re: !p.symsize

Posted by [davidf](#) on Thu, 25 Jan 2001 20:09:31 GMT

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Mark Fardal (fardal@weka.astro.umass.edu) writes:

>
> I thought I would be smart and set the symbol size once instead of typing
> it every time. and I thought I knew just how to do it. then I found:
>
> SYMSIZE exists as a field in the !P system variable
> it has no effect on the symbol size in the plot
> it is not in the documentation of !P.
>
> This is in IDL 5.2.1L on Unix. Do you guys have the same behavior
> with your swanky new versions? Did !p.symsize ever exist as a
> standard feature? Or have my attempts to access it just called it
> into (ineffective) existence on my machine, like an ineptly made golem?

Yikes! No it doesn't work here in IDL 5.4 Windows either.

Oddly, SYMSIZE is not listed as a field of !P in the IDL 5.4 on-line help, although it is clearly there in the structure and it gets set properly:

```
IDL> !P.Symsize=4  
IDL> Help, !P, /Structure
```

This looks to me like one of those "Oh, I'll fix that in a minute" errors that sometimes escape completion. :-(

Cheers,

David

P.S. I assume you will be filing a bug report with the folks at RSI. :-)

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