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Subject: Re: how to label minor tick marks on a log axis???

Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2001 16:01:27 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

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> Paul van Delst (paul.vandelst@noaa.gov) writes:

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>> Thanks, this is exactly what I wanted. Unfortunately my joy was short-lived when I

>> couldn't figure out how to shift the y-axis title over enough not to overwrite my new

>> fancy tick labels. Sigh. (Or, how come there's no X|Y|ZTITLE\_OFFSET keyword to PLOT to

>> account for X|Y|ZTICKFORMAT='(a1)'?) Do you (or Martin?) have something in your

>> bag-o-tricks to do this? I looked at Martin's and your IDL webpage but didn't see

>> anything. The thought of having to futz about with CONVERT\_COORD and XYOUTS to allow

>> simple shifting of an axis title makes me want to ....1.2.3.4.5....10 I better go and get

>> some coffee.

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> Uh, normally we position the plot in the window with

> the POSITION keyword. :-)

Yeah, well, I put use of the POSITION keyword in the same bucket as the rest of the above. The last thing I want to do is to have to position multiple plots on the page separately simply to make the y-axis label readable.

>> I think the curmudgeon factor that Craig Markwardt has mentioned in the past is starting

>> to affect me.... :o(

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> Probably. :-)

Definitely.

> You might be happy to know that Martin and I will soon be

> releasing some software (for free!) that might make all of

> this easier. We have a PlotConfig program that is similar

> to PSConfig. It allows the user to configure plot options

> without having to muck around with keywords.

I don't mind keywords - in fact I prefer them to GUI's. The less my fingers have to move from the keyboard, the better my right elbow likes it. It's when there isn't a keyword to do something simple that the mucking about comes into play.

thanx again.

paulv

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Ph: (301)763-8000 x7274    There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,  
Fax:(301)763-8545        And drinking largely sobers us again.  
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