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Subject: Re: plotting program problems  
Posted by [air\\_jlin](#) on Tue, 23 Oct 2001 23:53:20 GMT  
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hi Clive,

don't worry, there's no such thing as a dumb question :) if there were,  
then i think i have you beat in that category :)

could you give us some more info. re your problem? based on just what  
you wrote, my guess would be maybe your i/o structure could be improved.

thanks!

best,  
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Clive Cook <[ccc97@aber.ac.uk](mailto:ccc97@aber.ac.uk)> wrote in message news:<3BD55918.FD3C7EAB@aber.ac.uk>...

> I'm relatively new at idl (and programming in general) so please excuse  
> any what may seem to you guys dumb questions. The problem is that i need  
> a program to produce plots of data with three variables. They are time,  
> height and intensity. At the moment i use a program that i think  
> basically uses contour and then produces a color plot with a color bar.  
> The thing is that it takes along time to process the data with this  
> program and its not as flexible as i would like.

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> An average data set may contain 5000 individual files, with each file  
> containing 452 height bins each with a recording of the intensity.

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> One thing that i would like to be able to do that seems to be restricted  
> due to the way the program works is actually specify certain colors for  
> certain values, as well as using the specified color table for the more  
> general data.

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> I hope someone can help me with this, if not thank you for taking the  
> time to read my post

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