
Subject: Re: CAT, DOG, 1.7 AND FISH IN IDL
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 19 Nov 2002 05:03:26 GMT
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MC (markchan@shaw.ca) writes:

```
> To Group,
>
> x=[2,4,6,8]
> y=[200,400,600,800]
> plot,x,y
>
> One gets a plot. But not what I want.
>
> I need to replace the x-axis with the following axis:
>
> where x=2, a label 'cat'
> where x=4, a label 'dog'
> where x=6, a label '1.7'
> where x=8, a label 'fish'
>
> I know how to suppress the original x-axis, but don't know how to put the
> new one in. I am not into object graphic either.
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That's too bad about the object graphics thing. It would be so elegant, and only take about 45 minutes. :-)

How about something like this then.

```
FUNCTION animal_names, axis, index, value
  names = ['cat', 'dog', '1.7', 'fish']
  RETURN, names[index]
END
```

```
x=[2,4,6,8]
y=[200,400,600,800]
plot,x,y, XTickformat='Animal_Names'
```

Cheers,

David

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