
Subject: Re: Contour labels, Hooray!

Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Thu, 21 Nov 2002 18:26:09 GMT

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In article <3DDD19C0.B2C94F2F@hotmail.com>,

"Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel_romashkin@hotmail.com> wrote:

> Good luck. I am *not* messing up my perfectly stable Mac to run OsX just
> to be able to put the XWindows version of IDL on it. If I were to go
> down that crooked path, I'd rather set up Linux. If it was the native
> version, now *that* would be a different story...
> I am afraid my code will become more and more obsolete from this point
> on :-(
> Cheers,
> Pavel

Pavel, have you seen this spoof

<http://www.fandango.net/switched.mov>

of the "Switcher" commercial where the long-time Mac user says "I
switched my Mac to OS X, and it's, like, where the f**k did my Mac go!"
;-)

If your OS 9 Mac is really stable, don't switch. In my case, however,
OS X has been hugely more stable. It's a treat to have two IDL jobs
crunching away full-speed in the background on a dual-processor Mac and
see *no* impact on the user interface or the 15 other apps I have
running all the time. I don't use idlde, but it runs fine if you want
to. Mac interface plus all the unix goodies (NFS, shell scripts, etc.)

I used the OS X version in our undergrad lab this fall with 50 computer
novices. Machines were very stable and I had few problems.

Ken
