
Subject: annotated text without using graphics device in IDL?
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I'd like to annotate an image without having to first draw the text on the active graphics display and then read the image back. This undesirable method might look like:

```
a=indgen(256,256)
tv,a
xyouts,100,100,'this text',/device
b=tvrd()
```

Instead, I'd like an approach that doesn't rely on the graphics device at all. It might be called in this way:

```
a=findgen(256,256)
b = imgtext( a, 100,100,'this text' )
```

As a result, b is an image whose contents have been altered to include the text.

Anybody seen this sort of thing for IDL?

Thanks,
Howard
