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Subject: Re: Object boundaries

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> Graphics objects normally have X RANGE, Y RANGE and Z RANGE properties that
> tell you the coordinates of the object's bounding rectangle.
> Unfortunately, for an IDLgrAxis this does not include the tick text and
> title, but you can get those separately. Consider the following code...
>
> oasis = obj_new('idlgraxis')
> xobjview, oasis
> oasis->GetProperty, X RANGE=xr, Y RANGe=yr, Z RANGe=zr
> print, xr, yr, zr
> ;    0.00000000    1.00000000
> ;    0.00000000    0.20000000
> ;    0.00000000    0.00000000
> oasis->GetProperty, TICKTEXT=ott
> ott->GetProperty, X RANGE=xr_tt, Y RANGE=yr_tt, Z RANGE=zr_tt
> print, xr_tt, yr_tt, zr_tt
> ;   -0.047485654    1.0474857
> ;   -0.081563380   -0.020111518
> ;    0.000000000    0.000000000
> ;; Ditto for the TITLE object, but you'll have to check if it is
> ;; valid first.
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While this works, is there any way to remove the call to xobjview? When I remove that call and try the code, I get back 0.0 for all of the tick text ranges. Is this because IDL doesn't know where it is before it's drawn? If so, can I just create a temporary IDLgrBuffer or something, and draw to it and grab the numbers from that? If this is the solution, that seems pretty ugly to have to create a random IDLgrBuffer in the middle of my code, but that's the way RSI works, I suppose. ;-)

-Mike

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