
Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart

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<pestMay@gmail.com> wrote in message

news:MIO%c.17702\$iS.1208@newssvr29.news.prodigy.com...

> For anyone involved in real-time data collection (e.g., atmospheric data,

> heart-rate,

> other physiological data) display this data as it arrives, say on a serial

> port, is essential

> in monitoring the data stream.

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> There are many commercial hardware/software solutions (e.g., BIO-PAC) and an

> IDL

> competitor, MATLAB, has one. The X-axis is always time, and often there are

> a number of

> channels of data that might include an event marker (e.g., we just launched

> the weather sound,

> a subject in an experiment pressed a button, etc.).

>

> Ed May

I had a few minutes to kill before a meeting, so here is a quicky strip chart in direct graphics. It is not the most efficient thing ever, but it will give you a starting point.

Cheers,

bob

```
xr = [0,100]
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yr=[-4,4]
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```
plot,fltarr(1),xr=xr,yr=yr
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timeincrement = 1 ; the sample interval
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datacounter = 0
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datatime = !values.f_nan
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data = !values.f_nan
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for i = 0,1000 do begin
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  ; make measurement
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newdata = (randomn(seed,1))[0]
datetime = [datetime,i]
data = [data,newdata]
datacounter = datacounter+1

if datacounter gt 50 then begin
;shift the axis
xr = xr + timeincrement

;redraw data
plot,datetime,data,xr=xr,yr=yr,psym=-4

endif else begin
if i gt 0 then begin
plots,datetime[datacounter],data[datacounter],psym=-4,/data, /continue
endif else begin
plots,datetime[datacounter],data[datacounter],psym=4,/data
endelse
endelse
wait,0.1

endifor

end
```
