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Subject: Re: Plotting 'continents' in object graphics...  
Posted by [Chris Lee](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2004 11:22:10 GMT  
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In article <MPG.1bcae23d7ca75d06989694@news.frii.com>, "David Fanning"  
<david@dfanning.com> wrote:

> David Fanning writes:

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>> I've seen it done (I think) with a world countries

>> shapefile, although I couldn't tell you where to find it.

> It appears to me IDL 6.1 ships with a continents shapefile in the

> IDL\_DIR/resource/maps/shape directory. Maybe you could search for

> "continents.shp" in the iTools code and see if you can find out how RSI

> reads and uses it there. Cheers,

> David

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(IDL <= 6.0 doesn't appear to have the continents.shp file)

There are shapefile formatted world map data at

<http://aprsworld.net/gisdata/world/>

IDL has a Shapefile object. How you go from shapefile to continent  
outline is ....a problem for the student. The IDL examples in IDLffShape  
do work sometimes (hint: /UPDATE is wrong if the file is read only)

Chris.

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