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Subject: Re: Line-Mouse widget tool  
Posted by [Robert Barnett](#) on Tue, 29 Mar 2005 22:42:59 GMT  
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David,

I render a direct graphics plot onto a widget\_draw.  
How do you transform a mouse click event which is specified in pixels to  
data-space when using direct graphics? I can compute it from the  
xmargin, ymargin, xtick\_get, ytick\_get, xsize and ysize. But, surely  
there must be an easier way?

Here is an excerpt from my code:

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; ev - The event struct
; draw_id - The Widget_Draw
; return_keywords - Keywords returned from plot

xcharsize = 6.0
ycharsize = 10.0

geometry = widget_info(self.draw_id, /geometry)

; Calculate the corresponding x,y value coordinate on the plot
evx = ev.x - xmargin[0] * xcharsize
evy = ev.y - ymargin[0] * ycharsize
evwidth = geometry.xsize - total(xmargin) * xcharsize
evheight = geometry.ysize - total(ymargin) * ycharsize

xtickget = *return_keywords.xtick_get
ytickget = *return_keywords.ytick_get

xmaxtick = N_ELEMENTS(xtickget) - 1
ymaxtick = N_ELEMENTS(ytickget) - 1
x = xtickget[0] + (xtickget[xmaxtick] - xtickget[0]) * evx / evwidth
y = ytickget[0] + (ytickget[ymaxtick] - ytickget[0]) * evy / evheight

return, [x, y]
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David Fanning wrote:

> Howard S. Cohl writes:  
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>> Oh, one more thing, if it's not too difficult, is to build into the

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>> widget the capability to use curved line segments (splines, or polynomials  
>> perhaps) as well as straight lines and be able to output either the  
>> equation of the curve or output a the numerical set of N values for the  
>> curved line segment.  
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> Oh, well, a little more than an hour, then. :-)  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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