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Subject: Re: GUI strategy advice needed

Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Tue, 24 May 2005 20:24:36 GMT

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- > You probably know this already, but IDLgrColorbar has these properties
- > (in addition to a bunch of others...) taken from an example instance.
- > They are not publicly exposed in IDL, but you could take advantage of
- > them the way you describe.

I shy away from using things that are not in the public API. While what you say is true, it has a greater potential to lead to code that is hard to understand and maintain, especially if someone else is doing the understanding and maintaining. I'm a purist when it comes to coding style and I'll always try to fit into the public API, no matter the language being used. Going beyond the API is an absolute last resort.

-Mike

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