
Subject: Re: GUI strategy advice needed

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> Wow, looks like I'm the colorbar expert all of a sudden. I typically
> don't bother with the axis within IDLgrColorbar. Instead I have an
> IDLgrColorbar object with no axis displayed and an independent IDLgrAxis
> aligned along one of the sides of the colorbar. I find this a lot
> easier to work with because I have complete control over the
> presentation of the axis.
>
> Maybe one of these days, I'll finally get around to writing my own
> colorbar class that combines IDLgrAxis and IDLgrColorbar. I've been
> meaning to do that for a while now...
>
> -Mike

Let me add one little addendum to this. You should be able to set the values you want by using the TICKVALUES and TICKTEXT as keywords as Ben explained. These properties along with the other TICK* keywords should be enough for most people. However, there have been times when I've needed to do additional things with the axis that couldn't be done through the interface in IDLgrColorbar. Since then I've always been in the habit of having both an IDLgrColorbar and an IDLgrAxis.

-Mike
