
Subject: And again more about Plot!

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Hi everyone,

I have been reading some previous articles about plotting using colors, color tables and so forth and it is frustrating to say the least. I only wanted to use IDL to do some scientific work but it seems that I am more and more being sucked into IDL programming. To do things that are simple, in MATLAB for example, requires a minor course and a panel of experts in IDL. And so I come to plotting. I have seen many examples where the plot script starts out like this:

```
PLOT, x, /NODATA
```

and then other parameters are plotted using OPLOT. I know what /NODATA does but why is it done this way? Is it to avoid making long PLOT statements? It seems, on the surface, unnecessary.

Cheers,
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