Subject: Re: And again more about Plot!
Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Thu, 19 Jan 2006 17:16:14 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:
> Paul Van Delst writes:
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>> I had composed a diatribe about OG after reading your comments re: RSI's seeming lack of
>> commitment to DG, but didn't post it because it was just bad karma.
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> Tell me about it. I have to go up to Boulder later this
> afternoon to pick up a friend. I'm already working on
> my disguise. I need to learn to put a cork in it.
> It's done. Object graphics has won. iTools will take
> over the world. I need to get over it. :-(

Well, I think you're probably right about OG. But not about iTools. I mean, compare your
xPlot with iPlot:
- xPlot is easy to use.
- iPlot is non-intuitive and ridiculously complicated.
To be somewhat fair, xPlot doesn't do everythinbg that iPlot can ... but so what? 99% of
the time all I need is the functionality of xPlot.

I have no beef with OG per se, what I do have a beef with is not providing useful tools
that use OG. iTools (in my opinion and in my usage, not that of NOAA/UW/anyone else) will
never replace DG simplicity. I think it's ridiculous to expect non-programmers to spend
the same amount of time figuring out how to plot data as it is for them to
move/shuffle/reformat the data itself. In my case with DG the "data reformat"/display
ratio is probably about 90/10. With OG it's about 10/90 and with iTools it's about 50/50
(where, in the latter case a lot of the denominator is just waiting for the darn GUI to
display the data).

so much for avoiding the bad karma... :o(

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>> I replied to this one
>> to ask about the status of your Catalyst library (online docs/user guide, cost, etc).
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> Well, uh, about the same as it was last month. I've been
> working on my magnimus opus this month. But, real soon
> now, I'm sure. As soon as I get some decent fonts in
> direct graphics I'll be REAL motivated. :-)

Fair 'nuff. What I was hoping for was that your current object graphics codes (things like
xplot, xsurface etc, or their Catalyst derived equivalents) would be included in it.

cheers,

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