

Dear Rick,

I have been troubling you a lot for some time but believe me each interaction (or encounter) with you has always been fruitful and broadened by knowledge of IDL thank you for that

I have not been able to take time out to build the circuit but your solution is terrific.

Anyways coming to the point, I am not using XOBJVIEW as you might have suspected, instead I have been bolder and used IDLitWindow class along with IDLgrSurface to create my own view the details are as follows:

```
I have used normalized coordinate system for creating the *system*  
VIEWPLANE=[-0.5,-0.5,1,1]  
ZCLIP=[-1,1]  
EYE=1.01  
Projection=2  
Color = [20,50,75]
```

```
self.oSurfView = OBJ_NEW('IDLgrView', COLOR=Color,$  
VIEWPLANE_RECT=viewplane, ZCLIP=zClip, projection = Projection,EYE=Eye)
```

Next I compute out the Conversion factors for X,Y and Z respectively.
The details for DEM are as follows

```
;Data dimensions are  
xDemSize = 800  
yDemSize = 800
```

```
;Pixel resolution is  
GroundResolution =[ 25,25] ;in meters  
;Minimum height in the data set is  
zMin = 0 ;in meters  
;Maximum height is  
zMax = 3500 ; in meters.
```

```
XCnv =[-0.5 , 1.0/xDemSize]  
YCnv =[-0.5 , 1.0/yDemSize]  
ZCnv =[zMin / (zMax-zMin) , 1.0 / (zMax-zMin) ]
```

since the dataset can be *heavy* on system (although in our test case it is only 800x800) hence we reduce the data by congriding it and then

create a mesh of the dataset which is 10 units apart

```
DemData = congrid( origDEMDData, xDemSize/10, yDemSize/10 )
```

```
nDemData=size(DemData)
```

```
xData = INDGEN(nDemData[1])*10
```

```
yData = INDGEN(nDemData[2])*10
```

```
;create the surface object
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```
self.oSurface= OBJ_NEW('IDLgrSurface', DemData, $  
    STYLE = 2, Datax=xData, Datay=yData, $  
    XCOORD_CONV=XCnv , YCOORD_CONV=YCnv, $  
    ZCOORD_CONV=ZCnv)
```

```
;create the model
```

```
self.oSurfModel = obj_new('IDLgrModel',name ='SurfaceModel')
```

```
;add surface to model
```

```
self.oSurfModel->Add, self.oSurface
```

```
;add the model to our view
```

```
self.oSurfView ->add,self.oSurfModel
```

```
;Draw the surface on window
```

```
self.oWin->draw,self.oSurfView
```

Hope I have not committed any mistakes here! With this code, as I mentioned, I am not getting any realistic depth perception. I believe you are right when you say

This probably has more to do with how you are viewing the data. If you want a scene to appear realistic, you need to scale everything accordingly. You most likely have your surface at one scale, and your viewing system at another.

But I am not sure where I am setting the viewing systems scale and how it is differing from the surface scale I would appreciate if you can shed some light on this.

With regards

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