
Subject: Unhappy plotter

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In the beginning I used add ons to Fortran to visualise my data, so when I came across PV-WAVE it was like a miracle appearing on my desktop. Then came IDL, widgets, pointers etc etc. I was a happy plotter. I started to write applications and soon found direct graphics a little clunky. Then came objects - much more like it and I was a anticipative plotter. Then came object graphics, oops, it was like the wind was knocked from my sails. Why oh why are they so complicated? Then I found MATLAB, this is how graphics should work. Make a plot and you have a functional oo plotting system - like LIVE_PLOT on acid. I jumped with joy in anticipation when I heard of the arrival of iTools. Ooops, why oh why oh why? Complicated, indecipherable and unusable unless of course one has a spare month or two for the learning curve (my boss would not be happy). Suppose I'll have to carry on using DGs for my applications. Am I just dim? It's not like I'm an IDL novice. Does anyone else feel this way? oh and why can't object methods be used as widget events. Moan over ...
