Subject: Re: Unhappy plotter
Posted by Michael Galloy on Fri, 07 Apr 2006 16:51:46 GMT
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Cliff wrote:
> 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 ...

I appreciate the sentiment about the iTools, though I'm being slowly
converted. Even extending the iTools, which I thought was very painful
in IDL 6.0, doesn't seem so bad now in IDL 6.2. (Is this proof you can
get used to anything?)

It's annoying that XMANAGER can't call an object method as an event
handler, but it's certainly easy to get around. What bothers you about it?

-Mike
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