
Subject: Re: Unhappy plotter

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 06 Apr 2006 23:01:28 GMT

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Cliff writes:

> 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 ...

The gulag is growing. Maybe I'll have to dust that
Catalyst Library off after all. Easy, understandable,
and object methods as widget events. Sounds better and
better, doesn't it. :-)

Cheers,

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