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Subject: Re: plot: Messed-up coordinates when switching devices

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It seems that `set_plot,'PS'` generates a new blank file, so even if you give the `oplot` command with the right positional keyword, the original plot is still going to disappear. I guess that if you are going to overplot anything in a PS file, you should not use `device,/close` before.

Ciao,  
Paolo

Ingo von Borstel wrote:

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> Hi there,  
>  
> I have a few plotting routines that shall allow plotting to the screen  
> and, if a filename is supplied, concurrently into that file.  
> In order to allow the usage of oplot I just switched devices as follows:  
>  
> PRO plotit, x,y, filename=filename, continueplot=continueplot  
>  
> IF NOT KEYWORD_SET(continueplot) THEN BEGIN  
>   PLOT, x,y  
>   IF KEYWORD_SET(filename) THEN BEGIN  
>     SET_PLOT('PS')  
>     DEVICE, file=filename, /ENCAPSULE, COLOR=8  
>     PLOT, x,y, /DEVICE  
>     DEVICE, /CLOSE  
>     SET_PLOT('X')  
>   ENDIF  
> ENDIF ELSE BEGIN  
>   OPLOT, x,y  
>   IF KEYWORD_SET(filename) THEN BEGIN  
>     SET_PLOT('PS')  
>     DEVICE, file=filename, /ENCAPSULE, COLOR=8  
>     OLOT, x,y, /DEVICE  
>     DEVICE, /CLOSE  
>     SET_PLOT('X')  
>   ENDIF  
> ENDELSE  
>  
> END  
>  
> Now, calling first w/o continueplot and subsequently the routine with  
> continueplot, the plots are not aligned anymore wrt to x-axis, the whole  
> dataset is shifted and stretched.  
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> I assume it has to do with the coordinate systems of the screen and the  
> file that get mixed up. But I didn't find a solution to fix it. :( Any  
> suggestions how to make this work or circumvent it are welcome.  
>  
> Best regards,  
> Ingo  
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