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Subject: Re: need more plotting symbols please  
Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Mon, 02 Oct 2006 18:14:51 GMT  
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Why not using a keyword, so the user can keep the old indices (default),  
or use the shifted ones? ... everybody would be happy!

just a thought...

Jean

David Fanning wrote:

> David Fanning writes:

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>> Oh, right. I didn't think of that. I'll fix that myself. I've screwed  
>> up index 8, too. Humm. I should have spent a few more minutes thinking  
>> about this, it looks like. :-)

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>> I'll have something new later today.

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> OK, here is another interface dilemma. I screwed up  
> before by not thinking as clearly as I should have about  
> what I was doing. (I'm certain this doesn't happen to you.)

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> So, out of 44 indices, I should have reserved 8 and 10 for  
> what the user expects them to be. I didn't. So now I want  
> to reserve them. This means I either (1) map this functionality  
> to unused index numbers, say 45 and 46, which REALLY defeats  
> the user's expectation, or (2) map these to what the user  
> expects but change the old numbers out from under all the  
> thousands of users (I'm being facetious) that have already  
> downloaded SYMCAT.

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> I've chosen option 2. I've thought hard about it. I don't  
> like it. But that's what I've done. Mostly this decision  
> stems from a GREAT reluctance to change an already-defined  
> interface, and from a bet that not too many people have  
> already downloaded and are using SYMCAT in their programs.  
> I could be completely wrong, but that's how these kinds  
> of decisions get made, for better or worse. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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