
Subject: Re: Preserving coordinate transformation
Posted by [Sverre Solberg](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 12:53:24 GMT
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Hm, well, that's just what I tried, still it is unclear to me how to actually use the !x, !y and !map. I can't simply reset, like !x = <saved !x> etc, as I guess I also need the !D which is a read-only variable(?). Furthermore, I haven't been able to dig out how/where idl do the conversion from device to map coordinates. The documentation for `convert_coord` is only describing transformation between data, device and normal, but doesn't mention the situation when there's a map involved. Trying to hardcode the transformation formulas described in the manual for `convert_coord` (after first saving the values stored in !x, !y and !d) doesn't seem to give the correct answer. Am I missing some important point here?

Sverre

Wox wrote:

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> Save the !x, !y and !map after making the plot and restore them before
> you use convert_coord.
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> On 17 Oct 2006 03:47:17 -0700, "Sverre Solberg" <sso@nilu.no> wrote:
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>> I plot a map (by the MAP_SET etc routines) inside a widget_draw area
>> using "/button_events". When the user is clicking on the map the
>> program use the event (x and y) and the "convert_coord" to compute the
>> geographical coordinates of the position. However, when making other
>> plots in between, opening other draw widgets, the built-in coordinate
>> transformations (device->data) changes and destroys the conversion to
>> geo. coord. next time this window is clicked on. How could I store the
>> coordinate transformation? If it was a simple 2D plot, without the map,
>> I could just save the !x and !y variables and compute the conversion
>> myself, but that don't work when there's a map projection. I then need
>> to know how idl converts from device coordinates (returned by widget
>> draw) to map coordinates (lat/long) and I haven't been able to find out
>> that. Any hints?
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>> Sverre
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