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Subject: Re: Interesting Rant

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> I can't say that I've been born again (yet), but I am finding the iTools  
> to be very useful for interactive graphics. The user interface is  
> awkward in several ways, the learning curve is steep, and hardcopy output  
> remains a real problem, but there are a number of really handy features  
> in the iTools.

I have started using the iTools only quite recently, so maybe I just haven't got the hang of it quite yet. I think they're handy for quick interactive data visualisation, but:

- they are incredibly slow to start up
- the documentation leaves a lot (and I mean a big, big lot) to be desired (new book chapter please, David)
- it just takes too many lines of code to trim down their humongous UI to something useful

I'd much rather have a few iTools features available for direct graphics, like resizable plots, proper labelling ...

Well, just my opinion,

Jo

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