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Subject: Re: getting an IDLgrPlot drawn  
Posted by [Laurens](#) on Fri, 24 Nov 2006 15:14:13 GMT  
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David Fanning wrote:

> Laurens writes:  
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>> Now, when I execute this code, I don't get what I want. I get some  
>> strange lines, of which you can view the result at  
>> [http://sophorus.mine.nu/idlgrplot\\_weird.jpg](http://sophorus.mine.nu/idlgrplot_weird.jpg).  
>  
> Humm. Well, I think the problem is that you have a misunderstanding  
> of what you are doing with the Viewplane rectangle. It seems  
> to be you think this might be the size of the window used to  
> view the plot. In fact, it is establishing the coordinate  
> system you plan to use for viewing the plot. Two different  
> things.  
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> When I first started with object graphics (and even now, come  
> to think of it) I preferred to set up my coordinate system to  
> go from 0 to 1 (what we refer to in direct graphics as a  
> normalized coordinate system). I was familiar with that  
> system, I knew how to lay things out in a window using  
> that system, etc. But what that means is that all your data,  
> then, has to be scaled so that it fits into that system.  
> Since I did this over and over again, I simply wrote a small  
> routine to do this for me, which I named NORMALIZE.  
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> You can see how I would construct a simple plot like you  
> want in the program XPLOT, which you can find on my web  
> page:  
>  
> <http://www.dfanning.com/programs/xplot.pro>  
>  
> Notice that I don't bother with a scene object. It is really  
> not necessary unless you plan to have multiple plots in the  
> same window.  
>  
> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
>  
> P.S. The weird lines in your output indicate a mismatch  
> between the data in the plot and the coordinate system  
> you have chosen. Most people don't see anything in this  
> situation, so you are MUCH luckier than most! :-)

By the way; i'm getting redirected to <http://www.w3.org/Protocols/> when

trying that url?

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