Subject: Re: writing to 2 "windows" in idl? Posted by jlaw on Thu, 18 Jan 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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In article 96Jan17130850@revelle.cdc.noaa.gov, cas@revelle.cdc.noaa.gov (Cathy Smith) writes:

>

- > Hi- I'd like to write out character strings to a gif imagee and determine
- > their lengths (in pixels).
- > <snip>
- > This works except that I cover up some
- > lines on my original plot that I don't want covered. Is there a way to
- > write to a "fake" device instead?

>

Does this help?

IDL> plot,cos(indgen(100)/7)

IDL> device,get_write_Mask=smask

IDL> print,smask

255

IDL> device, set_write_mask=0; DO NOT WRITE TO ANY GRAPHICS PLANES

IDL> xyouts,50,0,'My string of text',wid=wid

IDL> print, wid

0.131250

IDL> device,set_write_mask=smask; WRITE TO ALL GRAPHICS PLANES AGAIN...

IDL> xyouts,50,0,'My string of text',wid=wid

You could probably also do this with device,set_graphics_function=something. Table 3.4 in my online help...

best of luck

f.