Subject: Re: writing to 2 "windows" in idl?
Posted by hahn on Thu, 18 Jan 1996 08:00:00 GMT
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cas@revelle.cdc.noaa.gov (Cathy Smith) wrote:

> Hi- I'd like to write out character strings to a gif imagee and determine
> their lengths (in pixels). I can do this using xyouts and this works for
> most of what I want to do. However, now I would like to find the length
> of a character string BEFORE I write it out.

XYOutS has two keyword parameters that may help:

  width=lg puts the length of the text into the variable lg.
  Units is normalized coordinate units.

  Charsize=-1 suppresses any graphical output.

> I tried writing out
> in the same color as my image to get the returned length and then writing
> it out again in the color I want. 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?

The above keywords should work with any device, no need to use a fake.

[remainder deleted]

Hope this helps
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