
Subject: Re: New Colorbar Missing?

Posted by [vasily](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2010 16:00:29 GMT

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On Sep 27, 7:35 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> David Fanning writes:

>> I start a new IDL session and type this:

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>> IDL> graphic =colorbar(rgb_table=5)

>> % Compiled module:COLORBAR.

>> % Attempt to call undefined procedure/function: 'COLORBAR'.

>> % Execution halted at: \$MAIN\$

>> IDL> Print, !version

>> { x86_64 Win32 Windows Microsoft Windows 8.0 Jun 17 2010 64 64}

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>> Any ideas!? This is a complete mystery to me. :-(

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> Thanks to Paulo and others for pointing out the naming

> conflicts IDL 8 introduced. Two Coyote Library routines,

> in particular, were causing problems for me:COLORBAR,

> a direct graphics color bar program and (I suspect)

> widely used since it was written in 1996; and

> COLORBAR__DEFINE, the object equivalent ofCOLORBAR

> and probably not used much.

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> I have renamed these two routines in the Coyote Library

> to FSC_COLORBAR and FSC_COLORBAR__DEFINE, respectively.

> I have retained the originalCOLORBARroutine in a new

> "obsolete" sub-directory of the Coyote directory for

> people who want to use it. (Perhaps you haven't updated

> to IDL 8 yet.)

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> I have also written an article that explains the name

> conflicts with the Coyote and NASA Astronomy libraries

> in detail and suggests several possible solutions to the

> problem. (None completely satisfactory, by the way.)

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> http://www.dfanning.com/ng_tips/idl8_name_conflicts.html

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> I have gone through my web page with a fine-toothed comb and

> changed all the references toCOLORBARto FSC_COLORBAR. I have

> done the same thing with the Coyote and Catalyst Libraries.

> In all some dozen or so programs were changed.

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> In light of this, it might be a good time to upgrade your

> own libraries. You can either do this via zip files:

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> <http://www.dfanning.com/programs/coyoteprograms.zip>

> <http://www.dfanning.com/programs/catalyst.zip>
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> (Be sure to delete colorbar.pro and colorbar__define.pro from
> your old library folders if you update on top of an existing
> directory. I recommend you start with fresh, empty folders.)
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> Or from the new idl-coyote open source project:
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> <http://idl-coyote.googlecode.com>
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> No doubt we haven't heard the end of this, but maybe in
> a couple of years it will have sorted itself out and we
> can all laugh about it. :-)
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> Cheers,
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> David
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> --
> David Fanning, Ph.D.
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Dear David,

Thanks for the update, but it seems that you have removed HIST_ND from the current version of the library. Is there a reason for that?

Thanks,
Vasily
