Subject: Re: How to clear an object plot

Posted by Paul Van Delst[1] on Tue, 05 Oct 2010 22:18:52 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Jean writes:

- >> And David, I'm looking forward for the 3rd edition of your book and
- >> especially the chapter about 'New Graphic'.

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- > You know, it's a race to see if I can get an income
- > producing book done before the sheriff shows up at
- > the door, ready to clamp me in irons and haul me off
- > to the poor farm. In doing that calculus, a book
- > on the "New Graphics" didn't really finish high
- > on the list of books that are likely to make me
- > enough money to buy a latte again. :-)

Once my CC balance recovers from my recent online buying frenzy at Zappos, I'll be sure to send some \$\$ your website's

way. I have been living off the teat of David Fanning (and Mike Galloy too for that matter) for too long.

cheers.

paulv

- > I'm starting with something more widely used
- > in the IDL community and, like the rest of
- > you, waiting for the New Graphics to mature
- > a bit. Eventually, I can see a need for a book
- > like that.

- > Let's just say I haven't seen any evidence that
- > anyone outside of ITTVIS can actually *program* a
- > new graphics routine, although they are becoming a
- > great deal easier to use. It's unclear to me how
- > useful they will be for doing, say, science, but
- > I'm hoping to be convinced.

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- > In principle, since the new graphics routines are
- > written in the IDL language, you might see the IDL
- > community stepping in to fix all these bugs themselves,
- > as a gigantic service project. But, in practice, I
- > don't see anyone doing it. I've had a look, but I don't
- > have that many years left the chase around that maze
- > of code.

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Cheers,
David
P.S. Let's just say I'm glad I'm not the one charged
with fixing mirror image contour labels! I wouldn't
have a clue where to begin. :-)
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