
Subject: Re: How to clear an object plot

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2010 20:22:48 GMT

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Jean writes:

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

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. :-)

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.

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.

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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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
