Subject: Re: Understanding IDLanROI Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 19 Oct 2010 21:02:22 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

## Kelly writes:

- > When I tried to use the US shapefile in IDLanROI (and IDLgrROI) there
- > was a line running across the United States from the Northeast to
- > Hawaii. Using IDLanROI, some States above this line were considered
- > exterior polygons. See my original post. : ( After tessellating, the
- > line from the Northeast to Hawaii is gone, so all the States that fall
- > in the United States polygon are considered interior polygons. :)

Ah, ha! Some real world data has somehow slipped into the normally quite vanilla example data sets! Good to know. Thanks for tracking this down.

- > Your right, IDLgrROI inherits IDLanROI, thus allowing IDLgrROI to use
- > IDLanROI classes, like ->ContainsPoints().

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- > IDLgrTesselator is an IDLgr object class, thus I recommend the use of
- > the IDLgr classes IDLgrROI and IDLgrROIGroup. I haven?t tried, but I
- > may at a later date to see if just the IDLanROI and IDLanROIGroup will
- > give the desired results.

I didn't have time to check this today, but my understanding is that IDLanROI is the "brains" of the outfit, and IDLgrROI is the "muscle". In other words, one is use for analysis, and the other is used for graphics. I would be surprised if IDLanROI is not perfect for the job, once the tesselation issue is out of the way.

Thanks for the update. Very informative and helpful.

Cheers,

David

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