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Subject: Re: FSC\_PLOT defaults

Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Wed, 22 Dec 2010 13:51:01 GMT

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On 21 déc, 16:58, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:

>> Wha..? Seriously?

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>> I will agree that you can plot everything you need to plot with either direct or function (aka "new") graphics, but the

>> ability to easily manipulate the function graphic result, outside of its creation routine, after it's been created is a

>> huge step forward. And this step is built upon existing tools (object graphics), involving more packaging and interface

>> updates than actual new functionality. I find function graphics way more useful than iTools. Go figure.

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> Paul, take it easy!

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> I'd probably be a fan of function graphics, too, if

> I could get IDL 8 to work on my computer. But I'm

> stuck in IDL 7 for the time being, waiting for the

> problems to be sorted out. If I judge the people

> sending me e-mail and browsing my web page correctly,

> I'm not the only one wishing for some easy alternative.

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> These are simple, they are fast, they produce the

> PostScript output you expect. You can actually

> write programs with them (as opposed, say, to just

> display data). There are just a lot of things to like

> about them. But, you don't have to use them if you

> don't want to. :-)

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> Anyway, this is just a stop-gap until I can get IDL

> 8 running. Then I have some ideas for function graphics

> commands that work the way I want them to. Maybe you

> will like those better. ;-)

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> But, yes, seriously! I don't feel any great need for

> anything fancier than direct graphics. If you can

> make a PostScript file and you can install ImageMagick,

> most of the things I have complained about for years

> are solved. :-)

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> Cheers,

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> David

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- > --
- > David Fanning, Ph.D.
- > Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.
- > Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>
- > Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Regarding change of graphic defaults at the plot level or not, it can be done, I guess, by using the STYLE\_NAME keyword in ITOOLS (then likely available in NG).

alx.

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