Subject: Re: FSC_PLOT defaults
Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 21 Dec 2010 14:51:43 GMT

Paulo Penteado writes:

> One of the main reasons I do not use object graphics is their reliance
> on global variables - especially those that do not get reset with
> a .reset_session. I usually object to global variables on any
> situation, as they make the results dependent on the environment, not
> just the code the user writes / receives (and, particularly, dependent
> not just on the routine calls). Also, it is awkward to use
> simultaneous instances of things that rely on (the same) global
> variables.

I "sorta" agree with this. I don't like to rely on
global variables either, with one very pronounced
exception. I do set up my PostScript output (via
PS_START) with global variables for plot thickness,
character size, font selection, etc. It is just so
much easier to do it this way.

Cheers,

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