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Subject: Re: using plot() function in a batch file

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 11 Jan 2011 19:19:18 GMT

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Marc Buie writes:

- > I've been investing some time in working with the new plotting
- > functions in IDL v8.0. Things are still a little rough around
- > the edges but there are definite advantages, particularly the
- > device independence.
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- > There are occasions when I generate graphics in a batch file or cron
- > job. Under these circumstances, the IDL process does not have access
- > to a display (X or otherwise). With direct graphics I used the 'Z
- > buffer' as the device.

I'll just mention again that the new Coyote Graphics routines are all device and color model independent, and appear to work identically in the Z-buffer, on display, or in a PostScript file. :-)

They have just been updated about five minutes ago with a new routine, `FSC_DefCharSize()`, which creates default character sizes that old people like you and I can actually read, Marc. This also makes them look a great deal more like the function graphics routines.

Cheers,

David

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

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