Subject: Re: MAP_GRID and MAP_CONTINENTS question ?
Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Mon, 10 Jan 2011 23:41:38 GMT
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On Jan 7, 1:42 pm, nata <bernat.puigdomen...@gmail.com> wrote:
> I can answer my first question : I could read the shape files from my
> IDL distribution in /usr/local/itt/idl/resource/maps/shape/ and then
> plot them using IDLgrPolylines.
> I hope in IDL 8 is easier than that.
>
> nata

Hi nata,

The direct graphics map_continents and map_grid procedures are
unchanged in IDL 8.0. However, in IDL 8.0/8.0.1 we have new Map(),
MapGrid(), and MapContinents() functions which produce much nicer
looking maps. Here's an example of the syntax:

; Define a map of Europe.
map = MAP('STEREOGRAPHIC', FILL_COLOR = 'Light Blue', $
  LIMIT = [30.0, -15.0, 68.0, 55.0])
; Add the country outlines and fill color.
mc = MAPCONTINENTS(/COUNTRIES, FILL_COLOR='beige')
; Add the rivers.
rivers = MAPCONTINENTS(/RIVERS, COLOR='blue')

Hope this helps.
Cheers,
Chris
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