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Subject: Re: Some questions on cgsurf and cgsurface  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Jul 2011 02:00:09 GMT  
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David Fanning writes:

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>> I have been trying to make shaded surfaces with CG, and encountered a
>> few difficulties, which perhaps have obvious solutions for those who
>> can find their way around the CG routines:
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>> I tried to follow the examples with
>>
>> data=dist(200)
>> loadct,33
>> cgwindow,'cgsurf',data,/shaded
>> cgcontrol,create_ps='cgtest.ps'
>>
>> Which results in a file with a red background. The same if using the
>> menu in the window.
>
> Yes, this is because shaded surfaces are really
> images with axes overlayed on them. To get a white
> background, you will have to do something like this:
>
> data=dist(200)
> loadct,33, ncolors=254
> set_shading, values=[0,254]
> tvlct, 255, 255, 255, 255
> cgwindow,'cgsurf',data,/shaded
> cgcontrol,create_ps='cgtest.ps'
```

I woke up at 4AM for some reason, so I decided to fix this problem before I jumped on the plane. The cgSurf program now produces correct PostScript output in the original way Paulo called the program. You can find the updated program [here](#):

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgsurf.pro>

Testing revealed a couple of problems with the Z-graphics buffer and other Coyote Graphics programs, which I also fixed.

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgdefcharsize.pro>  
<http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgquery.pro>

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")

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