Subject: Re: Coyote Library Updates
Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 02 Aug 2011 23:08:30 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

- >> cgWINDOW -- One of the limitations of the way cgWindow
- >> stores commands is that keyword values are evaluated
- >> at the time the graphics command is added to the window.
- >> This precludes the use of expressions as keywords and prevents
- >> you from doing things like using a different line thickness
- >> in a PostScript file, or using the Greek function to
- >> supply a Greek symbol for a graphics title.

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>> I have come up with a method for working around this limitation

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> Oh, dear!

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- > What I first thought was "impossible" now appears
- > to be do-able, but probably not as implemented
- > in this version of the program. The problem now
- > is that this works great for a single command in
- > a resizeable window, but it doesn't work properly
- > for multiple commands in the window. Plus, I need
- > the ability to evaluate parameters as well as keywords.

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> Oh, well. No one said life was easy. :-)

OK, I *think* I have this completely sorted out now. I can evaluate both keywords (with a EvalKeywords keyword that replaces the previous WKWEXPR keyword), and parameters with a EvalParams keyword.

I have updated my web page article to show examples using TexToIDL, Greek, and other expressions that can be evaluated at run-time.

http://www.idlcoyote.com/cg_tips/kwexpressions.php

I'd be interested to know if anyone using, say, IDL 6.4 has any difficulty running the examples in the article.

You will need an updated Coyote Library.

http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/coyoteprograms.zip

Cheers.

David

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