
Subject: Re: Need a Coffee Break?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 08 Sep 2011 21:29:07 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> At least now I might be able to get back to my
> original task, which was to make a filled contour
> plot with a limited number of colors and a
> corresponding color bar. Alas, from everything I've
> learned in the past couple of days, I don't think
> this simple plot is possible in function graphics,
> but I'll press on anyway.

Well, maybe things aren't quite this simple. Now running the 32-bit version of the Workbench, I went back to Mark's original program he sent this morning.

The first time I ran it, it crapped out at the Colorbar() line, but produced an error. All seemed to be well. I could move the cursor, type in the editor window and at the command line, etc. But nothing else would happen in the session. I couldn't even get a simple Plot command to work.

I killed that IDL session and started the 32-bit version again. This time when I ran the program, IDL crashed with a fatal error, but it didn't bring my entire machine down with it.

I really don't know what is wrong, but clearly any more colorbar experiments are going to have to be put off until IDL 8.2 comes out. This current version doesn't like me at ALL!

I wrote an article this morning asking the question "Is IDL 8.1 Useable?" I didn't honestly know the answer when I started the article. But I think after today's experience the answer for me, anyway, is "No, not at all!" At least not if I intend in any way to use the function graphics routines.

Cheers,

David

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