Subject: Re: Teaching an Elephant to Dance Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 12 Sep 2011 17:05:23 GMT

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## Mark Piper writes:

- > There's an easier way to make this plot, but you have to work with the
- > fact that COLORBAR wants 256 values and is tied to the data.

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- > I've used code similar to what I posted earlier
- > [https://groups.google.com/d/msg/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/QHJmvrK ybz/WMR2aD5g0P8J],
- > and I put in a few comments to show where my code differs from yours.

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- > I've tested this on my laptop (64-bit Win XP + 32-bit Linux (Ubuntu
- > 10.10)) and the Tech Support Mac running Lion.

I'm going to haul my machine to Boulder and see if it works better in the rarefied atmosphere up there.

I missed that TICKNAME keyword, and down she goes! :-(

Does no one at ITTVIS use Windows 7? (It's the latest Windows operating system.) I'd be happy to loan you one of my machines, if you like.

The fact that you have to "work with the fact that COLORBAR wants 256 values and is tied to the data" is exactly what is wrong with the COLORBAR function. You can't make it do what you want it do to. Believe it or not, people don't always use 256 colors. Sometimes they use a lot less. But, I'm sure you know this.

I'll see what I can learn from that example if I remove the TICKNAME keyword. :-)

Cheers,

David

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