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Subject: Re: 3d device coordinates from a 3D polyline....  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 12:31:59 GMT  
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George.millward@yahoo.com writes:

> I have an idlgrpolyline which I can rotate in a 3D view (with the trackball).  
> I want to know the 2D coordinates of this line in the device (ie, the 2D the projection in the window). Can't figure it out.

I'm no expert in this area, but I think the 3D to 2D conversions of the transformation matrix (which you can recover from the trackball) are well known. You can read the answer at the bottom of this article, for example:

<http://math.stackexchange.com/questions/336/why-are-3d-transformation-matrices-4x4-instead-of-3x3>

Cheers,

David

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

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