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Subject: Re: Simple issue with PLOTS?

Posted by [Rob.Dimeo](#) on Tue, 09 Oct 2012 18:24:50 GMT

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Bill,

Thanks for your reply. I am using TV to put an image in the window prior to drawing the grid. To use the method you propose I will need to scale the image into the plot axes. Rather than use TV as I've been doing, I think that I'll have to futz around a bit. I have been trying to use TV rather than some other image display wrapper because the images I'm displaying are not static. I want the display part of my program to work as fast as possible. In any case, what I'm doing might not be as straightforward as I had originally hoped. Thanks for your help.

Rob

On Oct 9, 1:53 pm, Bill Gallery <[wogall...@comcast.net](mailto:wogall...@comcast.net)> wrote:

> On Tuesday, October 9, 2012 11:08:03 AM UTC-6, Rob wrote:

>> Hi,

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>> It's been quite a while since I've programmed in IDL but I have a

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>> problem with something very basic. I am drawing a grid using the PLOTS

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>> command but the final lines are not being drawn (i.e. the top and

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>> rightmost lines). I might use a hack to get it to look right (i.e.

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>> enlarge the window by a few pixels) but it's not a very elegant

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>> solution. Below I list a simple procedure that shows the issue. You

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>> should see a window pop up with most of the grid except for lines

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>> along the top and along the right. Any help on my pedestrian

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>> problem? :o)

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>> Thanks,

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>> Rob

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>> pro test\_grid\_win

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>> ; Test program that writes out a PNG file that captures the screen

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>> with
>
>> ; a grid drawn on it.
>
>> xsize = (ysize = 500)
>
>> device,decomposed = 0 & loadct,0,/silent
>
>> nx = 10
>
>> window,0,xsize = xsize,ysize = ysize
>
>> dx = 1./float(nx)
>
>> erase,255B
>
>> for j = 0,nx do plots,[j*dx,j*dx],[0.0,1.0],/normal,color = 0B
>
>> for j = 0,nx do plots,[0.0,1.0],[j*dx,j*dx],/normal,color = 0B
>
>> ;filename = 'e:\test.png'
>
>> ;WRITE_PNG, filename, TVRD(/TRUE)
>
>> end
>
> Rob,
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> Try this version of your program. The comments explain what you need to change and why.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill Gallery
>
> pro test_grid_win
> ; Test program that writes out a PNG file that captures the screen with
> ; a grid drawn on it.
> xsize = (ysize = 500)
> device,decomposed = 0 & loadct,0,/silent
> nx = 10
> window,0,xsize = xsize,ysize = ysize
> dx = 1./float(nx)
> ;;erase,255B
> !p.BACKGROUND=255b ;set the default background color
> !p.COLOR=0 ;set the default color of plot axes, points, lines, ...
>
> ;;plots places points on an already specified grid
> ;;You need to first use plot (no s) to set up the scale of the plot and
> ;;to draw the axes

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> ;;the x and y data set the scale of the plot to x=[0,1], y=[0,1]
> ;;xgrid=1 and ygrid=1 ensure that the x and y axes are exactly as specified and
> ;;not expanded
> ;;/nodata prevents data from actually being plotted
> plot, [0,1],[0,1], /nodata, xgrid=1, ygrid=1
>
> ;;use oplot to place the data on the existing plot (plots will also work)
> ;;/normal says that the data is in 'normal' coordinates which vary from
> ;;[0,0] at the lower left of the screen to [1,1] to the upper right:
> ;;this is not what you want. You want to draw on the existing data scale
> ;;which has been created with the plot command.
> ;;The color of the data has already been specified with !p.color
> for j = 0,nx do oplot,[j*dx,j*dx],[0.0,1.0] ;;,/normal,color = 0B
> for j = 0,nx do oplot,[0.0,1.0],[j*dx,j*dx] ;;,/normal,color = 0B
> ;filename = 'e:\test.png'
> ;WRITE_PNG, filename, TVRD(/TRUE)
> end
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