
Subject: Z-Buffer Prize Winners!
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Wow, what a contest! I learned a ton about IDL in the process.
I hope the rest of you did too.

I have two winners, both of whom sent me a solution to my original
problem within minutes of each other:

Jeff Calor of NASA Goddard
Matt Savoie of NOAA

Both of these people solved the problem by setting the
character size keyword on the Surface command. I still
don't understand why the character size is *different* in
the Z-buffer, but I have noticed that it is. Unfortunately,
I never connected this observation to the solution to this
problem. Thanks for pointing it out. It answers a number
of other questions I've been pondering.

The Grand Prize Winner, however, is George Sigut of the Swiss
Federal Institute of Technology. He not only solved the original
problem first (he had a time zone advantage), but he came up
with a solution to JD's original question as well. My only
problem with George is that he writes really ugly IDL code,
but I'm not going to hold that against him. :-)

I'm sending the Michael Dorris book A Yellow Raft in
Blue Water to George and Jeff and Matt can have their
pick of a couple of Barry Lopez books: Giving Birth to
Thunder, Sleeping with His Daughter is a collection of
coyote stories that people who attend my IDL classes and
hear my coyote stories always want to know about, and
Desert Notes/River Notes is my favorite book of all time.

Tell me what you would like, guys.

And thanks to JD for posing the original problem. I may
send him something too. :-)

Cheers!

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