
Subject: Re: help with transparent plot in version 8.2.2
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 14 Mar 2013 18:57:47 GMT
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Teddy Allen writes:

> Looks like using LAYOUT instead of POSITION worked! I wish I knew
> why though...

Yes, my general experience with function graphics is that there are always multiple ways to do something with the routines, only one of which actually works. It is left as an exercise for the user to determine which one that is. The only pattern I've noticed is that the right answer is generally not the one recommended by whatever documentation you have found to read. :-)

In defense of function graphics, however, I will say that the version in IDL 8.2.2 is the best yet, and I have noticed a significant speed-up in performance lately. I still find them a bit confounding and I chafe at these niggling "features" that *almost* allow you to do your work, but not quite. For example, I think I might be quite happy to switch to function graphics map projections if I could just label box axes appropriately and if they didn't insist on warping my image.

Maybe by next year...

Cheers,

David

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