
Subject: Re: Question about projection for Google Earth
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timothyja123@gmail.com writes:

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>
> Hi Guys,
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> I'm trying to finish off some unfinished code that wasnt written by me. I'm fairly new to using
> projections, mapping, etc in IDL but from what I understand to map an image to Google Earth I
> need to use something like:
>
> mapStruct = MAP_PROJ_INIT( 117 , /GCTP, limit=limit) ; Equirectangular projection
> xy = Map_Proj_Forward(lon, lat, MAP_STRUCTURE=mapStruct)
> lon = Reform(xy[0, *])
> lat = Reform(xy[1, *])
>
> The problem is that my lon/lat values contain a different number of values and
> Map_Proj_Forward() is complaining about this. Why do they need to be the same? My overlay is
> a rectangular shape rather than a square why can this no be handled?
>
>
> The code that I was left with does something like this but the image doesnt overlay correctly on
> Google Earth I assume this is because it uses the incorrect projection.
>
> limit = dblarr(4)
> limit[0] = min(lat)
> limit[1] = min(lon)
> limit[2] = max(lat)
> limit[3] = max(lon)
>
> polon = limit[1]+0.5*(limit[3]-limit[1])
> map_set, 0,polon,0,/cyl,limit=limit, /noborder, xmargin=0,ymargin=0
>
> contour, values*mask,lon,lat, levels=levels,C_color=c_levels,/overplot,c_labels = 0,/cell_fill,
> min_value = 2
>
> hamax = 0 & bathy_mask = 0 & lat = 0 & lon = 0
>
> most_image = tvrd()
> Device, close = 1
>
> ; output image to a PNG file with transparency
> name = 'test.png'
> outputOverlayFile = filepath(name, root_dir=sourcepath(), subdir=['output'])
>
> ; set transparency
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> idx = where(most_image LT 240, trans_count)
> if trans_count GT 0 then begin
>   write_png,outputOverlayFile ,most_image, r2,g2,b2, transparent=idx
> endif
>
>
> Anyhelp or tips on this would be greatly appreciated. I have looked at some of David Fanning's
guides on creating images for Google Earth but could find anything on this exact issue.
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All of these details are handled automatically for you in cgImage2KML.

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/idldoc/cg/cgimage2kml.html>

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

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