
Subject: Re: Colors for the Color Blind

Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Sat, 17 Jan 2015 05:00:29 GMT

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On Friday, January 16, 2015 at 4:42:12 PM UTC-7, David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,

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> Paul Krummel has convinced me that even the color blind need to use
> colors when they engage in data visualization. To help them out, Paul
> has suggested a dozen specific colors and two additional color tables
> that he finds helpful in this regard. You will find a discussion of this
> topic here:

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> <http://www.sron.nl/~pault/>

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> I have added the 12 colors in the last line of Figure 3 in the reference
> above. I have named the colors in the most unimaginative way as
> CG1...CG12. You can find these colors in cgColor. And you can see the
> colors in the last column of cgPickColorName:

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> void = cgPickColorName()

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> I have also added two color tables to the fsc_brewer.tbl file. These are
> not strictly Brewer color tables, but I had already added a couple of
> other useful color tables to that file and I saw no reason to establish
> a new precedent. Paul called these color table "sunset" and "rainbow".
> Since there is already a rainbow color table in IDL, I have named this
> color table "cgRainbow."

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> The easiest way to update is to get a new version of the Coyote Library:

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> [http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/zip_files/coyoteprograms.z ip](http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/zip_files/coyoteprograms.zip)

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> Or, you can update the following files:

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> http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/fsc_brewer.tbl

> <http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgcolor.pro>

> <http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgpickcolorname.pro>

> <http://www.idlcoyote.com/programs/cgloadct.pro>

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> Cheers,

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> David

> --

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

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

Or you could get all of us who suffer this affliction a pair of these glasses!

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/13/color-blindness-correcting-glasses_n_6446094.html

Sometimes problems are best solved with hardware. Not often, but sometimes.

Jim P.
