
Subject: Re: map_set doesn't return a map
Posted by [wdolan](#) on Mon, 29 Jun 2015 20:47:08 GMT
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Great, thank you, it works! The only line of code I was missing was the Set_Plot, thisDevice.

On Monday, June 29, 2015 at 1:40:59 PM UTC-7, David Fanning wrote:

> wdolan@oxy.edu writes:

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>> Also the map_set works when I haven't run the program I wrote, but once I run the program, and then do map_set, nothing comes up. This leads me to think that the ps file I set up in the program isn't closing (even though at the end of the program I say device, /close

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>> When I type help, /device after running the program I get this:
>> Available Graphics Device, CGM HP LJ NULL PCL PRINTER PS REGIS TEK X Z
>> Current graphics device: PS

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>> and it continues for a while
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>> but the map isn't printing to that .ps file that I set up either (its not there if I open the file in GIMP)

>
> Yes, you are getting a little confused. :-)

>
> It is not enough to simply close the PostScript file, you must also
> switch back to your normal graphics device (X, in your case), if you
> want to create graphics windows with plots and maps in them.

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> The normal sequence of commands looks something like this:

>
> thisDevice = !D.Name
> Set_Plot, 'PS'
> Device, ... ; Configure PostScript Device
> whatever graphics commands you use go here....
> Device, /Close
> Set_Plot, thisDevice

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> In this way, you will be set up to do "normal" IDL graphics again.

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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.")
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