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Subject: Re: How to label a time axes on an image?  
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Le lundi 16 mai 2016 14:30:56 UTC+2, [steve...@metoffice.gov.uk](#) a écrit :

> On Monday, 16 May 2016 13:07:13 UTC+1, [steve...@metoffice.gov.uk](#) wrote:

>> On Monday, 16 May 2016 12:26:47 UTC+1, Steve wrote:

>>> Hi

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>>> I am having trouble labeling a time axis on an image. Here is some test code

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>>> ;create a randomn image for testing

>>> data = RANDOMU(seed,1800,401)

>>> img = BYTSCL(data)

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>>> ;data values that I would like to use for labeling the axes

>>> xval = FINDGEN(1800)/(60.\*60.\*24.) + JULDAY(11,24,2014,11,15,00)

>>> yval = FINDGEN(401)-200.

>>>

>>> ;plot the image and label the axes

>>> im = IMAGE(img, RGB\_TABLE=0,MARGIN=0.2)

>>> yax = AXIS('Y', LOCATION=[0,0], TICKDIR=1, MINOR=0,  
COORD\_TRANSFORM=[yval[0],1])

>>> xax = AXIS('X', LOCATION=[0,0], TICKDIR=1, MINOR=0, TICKFORMAT='(C(CH12.2, ":",  
CMI2.2))', COORD\_TRANSFORM=[xval[0],1.])

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>>> I am using COORD\_TRANSFORM in the call to AXIS to try and convert the pixel number of the image to what I would like to display. In the example above this works for the yaxis which simply changes the axis data values. For the xaxis I am also trying to display it in a time format as HH:MM but all of the axes labels display as 00:00.

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>>> Any idea how I can label the xaxis correctly?

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>>> Thanks

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>>> Steve

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>> Just spotted an error in my test code. The xaxis should be

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>> xax = AXIS('X', LOCATION=[0,0], TICKDIR=1, MINOR=0, TICKFORMAT='(C(CH12.2, ":",  
CMI2.2))', COORD\_TRANSFORM=[xval[0],1./((60.\*60.\*24.))])

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>> This does put what look to be about the correct times but they all overlay each other on the axis. Something is not quite right!

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>> Steve

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> OK so a little more playing around with this and I guess the problem may be due to

COORD\_TRANSFORM not using double precision, such that when it displays the time values on the xaxis they end up overlaying each other. Perhaps someone can confirm.

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> So a big fudge to get this to work is to change  
>  
> xval = FINDGEN(1800)/(60.\*60.\*24.) + JULDAY(11,24,-4712,11,15,00)  
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> such that the data values put into COORD\_TRANSFORM are not as large. Clearly I wouldn't be able to display the time axis with the year labeled in this case.  
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> If anyone has a better solution to the above that would be great.  
>  
> Steve

Don't use your axis trick.

Simply use the IMAGE function with AXIS\_STYLE=2 and ASPECT\_RATIO=0. The IMAGE\_DIMENSIONS and IMAGE\_LOCATION keywords will directly set the correct axes.  
alx.

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