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Subject: Re: write\_png help

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On Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 3:56:48 AM UTC-5, sid wrote:

> Hi all,

> I have given below my program to create a series of frame\*.png. But after doing this, s number of frames are created. But all the frames are showing same data. I think there is some problem with the code below, Can anyone please let me know what is the problem here.

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> restore,'negdatanew.sav',/v

> s=size(ksom.data,/dim)

> for i=0,s(2)-1 do begin

> write\_png,'frame'+string(i)+'.png',ksom(i).data

> write\_png,'frame'+string(i)+'.png',tvrdr(/true)

> endfor

>

>

> thanks

If you're doing this at the command line or in a batch file, the FOR loop has to be written as a single line of code.

Each of the commands within the FOR loop, furthermore, has to end with the "command termination" character, '&'. A loop that loops over three commands could be written on a single line as

```
for i = 0, s[2]-1 do begin command1 & command2 & command3 & endfor
```

You can avoid having a long ugly line of code by using the "line continuation" character, '\$'. In that case, my example could be formatted as

```
for i = 0, s[2]-1 do begin $
  command1 & $
  command2 & $
  command3 & $
endfor
```

Notice that there's only a continuation character after BEGIN. You don't want to end the FOR loop before any of the commands are executed!

If you don't express the FOR loop as a single logical line of code, only the first line will actually execute within the loop. In your case, that would be the line that reads

```
for i = 0, s[0]-1 do begin
```

The loop will increase the variable i from 0 to s[0]-1, without doing anything else. Once that's done, the script will execute the next line (write\_png ...) and write one

image for the particular case,  $i = s[0]-1$ , which is the value of  $i$  at the end of the loop.

You only need to express a FOR loop as a single line of code if  
(1) you're at the command line or (2) you're creating a batch file  
(e.g. mybatchfile.pro) and running it using the '@' directive (e.g. IDL> @mybatchfile).

All the best,

David

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