
Subject: Re: transparent background for line plot in IDL 8.0

Posted by [lucanardi93](#) on Mon, 17 Apr 2017 17:21:11 GMT

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Il giorno giovedì 16 settembre 2010 00:15:49 UTC+2, Chris Torrence ha scritto:

> On Sep 15, 7:23 am, teddyallen <teddyal...@yahoo.com> wrote:

>> I have a question that seems to be simple, but the answer continues to

>> elude me....

>> I have a straight-forward 2D plot (rainfall time series) that I want

>> to import to powerpoint, BUT I would like to import it with a

>> transparent background. Basically, I just want the plot with no

>> background color. I have read the previous posts, but am lead to

>> believe that 8.0 should be more simple.

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>> Below is my plot command:

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>> p=PLOT(leeTRMMday, color

>> ='magenta', yrange=[0,0.5], thick=2, xticks=12, xtickname = months, \$

>> title='1998 - 2009 TRMM daily climatology',

>> background='transparent')

>>

>> Is the BACKGROUND keyword used properly? The plot is what I want, but

>> the background is still white. There are no compilation errors. What

>> exactly does the BACKGROUND keyword in the PLOT procedure represent?

>> Is this not the correct way to reference a clear background for a
>> plot?

>>

>> Thank you for any hints.

>> cheers,

>> teddy allen

>

> Hi Teddy,

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> You should be able to export to a transparent PNG:

>

> p=PLOT(leeTRMMday,

> color='magenta', yrange=[0,0.5], thick=2, xticks=12, xtickname = months, \$

> title='1998 - 2009 TRMM daily climatology')

> p.Save, 'myplot.png', /TRANSPARENT

>

> There are other keywords to the Save method which might be useful,

> like BORDER, RESOLUTION, WIDTH, HEIGHT, etc.

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> Cheers,

> Chris

> ITTVIS

Hi, this is a very old post. Anyway I have a similar problem, but this method doesn't work.

I have a series of data of longitude/latitude and a value associated with a value. I use map_set to plot them, but I work with an asteroid, so I cannot use IDL basic maps, but I need to plot the data on an image.

A wonderful solution would be to use the image as background for the map_set, but I think it's not possible, so I have to have a transparent background for the data so that I can superimpose the image data to asteroid map.

My code is the following, thank you.

```
restore, 'variabilinirs.sav'
itokawa = 'desktop\itokawa_map_3600.jpg'
c1 = min(bar[*,2]) ;limiti superiori e inferiori di band area
c2 = max(bar[*,2])
varc = reform(bar[*,2]) ;rende bandareas un array di dim 2 (s ed l) alla lunghezza d'onda del
centro banda, deve essere s,l anche questo!
kk = where(varc gt c1 and varc lt c2) ;prende indici varc entro i due limiti scelti di banddepth
aa = varc(kk) ;prende varc solo entro gli indici kk
device, decomposed=0 ;per colori
loadct, 39
map_set,/cylindrical
plots,longc(kk),latc(kk),color=255.*(aa-c1)/float(c2-c1),psym=1
map_grid, label=0
;colorbar, minor=c1*100.,major=c2*100.,col=0,div=5, /vertical
a=tvrd(true=1) & write_png,'mappa.png',a
read_jpeg,itokawa,alb
read_png,'mappa.png',ker
r1=image(alb)
r2=image(ker,/overplot)
r2.save, "desktop"
r2.close
```
