
Subject: IDL Mapping package

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I have a problem that we often encounter here. We have model and remotely sensed data that we want to display on a projection (most often the entire globe, but sometimes just the Eastern US). The `map_image` command seems to do the job very nicely. The problem occurs because we'd like to take this projected image and overlay continents. It seems to me that there should be a keyword in `map_image` that allows you to do this.

Of course my second problem is that this we don't always deal with the present-day continental outlines. We do a lot of Paleoclimate modelling. I've written a procedure which plots these other outlines using a hacked version of `map_continents` (the format of the continent files are strangely similar to NCAR graphics), but I'd still like to use an option on `map_image` to display that projected image with these overlying continents.

Am I missing something in the `map_image` procedure? This would seem to be a very common need for any site doing remote sensing or numerical weather modelling.

Thanks in advance,

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