Subject: Contour labels, Hooray!
Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 19 Nov 2002 18:57:44 GMT

Hi Folks,

I just got my IDL 5.6 version installed and the first thing
that caught my eye was contour labeling for object graphics
contour plots. Hooray!

Of course, half the labels are upside down, but at least
we have something to work with now. And, heck, it's easy
enough to rotate the contour plot in object graphics so
you can read the labels without breaking your neck. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I didn't read about ALL the keywords.
I'm sure there is something in here that fixes this little
problem. :-)

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Subject: Re: Contour labels, Hooray!
Posted by Pavel A. Romashkin on Thu, 21 Nov 2002 17:36:28 GMT

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In article <3DDD19C0.B2C94F2F@hotmail.com>,
 "Pavel A. Romashkin" <pavel_romashkin@hotmail.com> wrote:

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of the "Switcher" commercial where the long-time Mac user says "I
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;-)

If your OS 9 Mac is really stable, don't switch. In my case, however,
OS X has been hugely more stable. It's a treat to have two IDL jobs
crunching away full-speed in the background on a dual-processor Mac and
see *no* impact on the user interface or the 15 other apps I have
running all the time. I don't use idlde, but it runs fine if you want
to. Mac interface plus all the unix goodies (NFS, shell scripts, etc.)

I used the OS X version in our undergrad lab this fall with 50 computer
novices. Machines were very stable and I had few problems.

Ken

Kenneth Bowman (k-bowman@null.tamu.edu) writes:

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Now that's funny! :-)

As long as this newsgroup is becoming a blog today,
here is an article that someone called to my attention
with this comment, "The [author's] conclusion (which I
can certainly attest to) is that as time goes on,
it becomes harder and harder to be a programmer, and
not easier as you might expect."

  http://www.joelonsoftware.com/articles/LeakyAbstractions.htm I

I certainly find this true when programming with objects!

Cheers,

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Posted by Pavel A. Romashkin on Thu, 21 Nov 2002 20:43:02 GMT
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Pretty nice! My co-workers liked it too, there are a couple of victims
of the OSX among them.
I think I will pass for now. My Mac hasn't had a crash for months. I saw
a few sad examples of upgrading around here. And 5.5 is not bad, after all...
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