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Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Mon, 19 May 2003 12:52:12 GMT

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Posted by [R.Bauer](#) on Wed, 21 May 2003 22:30:03 GMT

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regards

Reimar

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publishing the whole library, (using the compile routine developed 2001)

At http://www.fz-juelich.de/icg/icg-i/idl_icglib/idl_bin/plotprepare.sav
you will find the actual version I build today.
This binary file depends always on our working library. One is useable half
a year long. Then it stops. This is only for preventing to have a real old
one.

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IDL> plotprepare,plot,dim=1
% Restored file: PLOTPREPARE.
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A sav file is always same called as the depending pro file
If you have this in your search path you should be able to run every of the
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In 2000 I have written a publication in German about this package and
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The timedata format was defined by Ray Sterner(JHUAPL) and he named it
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It is defined as seconds since 2000-01-01 00:00:00 UTC. Some routines inside
the sav file are from the JHUAPL library.

A list of all compiled routines you get after loading plotprepare with
IDL> PRINT,(plotprepare_info()).routines

This file may be interesting too

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And here at least one more example:

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PRO plot_test
  x=DINDGEN(100)+string2js(/now)
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  plotprepare,plot,dim=1

  xp_layout,plot

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Sorry, mistake
It is plot_test.pro

and it could look something like this

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```
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plot.bottom_margin=3.
plot.landscape=3
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plot.legend_frame_color=plot.color_nc.blue
plot.legend_frame_fill_color=plot.color_nc.light_grey
plot.legend_title_color=plot.color_nc.blue
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