
Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Wed, 08 Sep 2004 21:26:51 GMT

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pestMay@gmail.com wrote:

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What's a strip chart?

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Mark Hadfield "Ka puwaha te tai nei, Hoesa tatou"

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Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 08 Sep 2004 21:50:55 GMT

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Mark Hadfield wrote:

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>

> What's a strip chart?

Ye strip chart of olde were what you see on telly when someone's getting a polygraph test - continuous output of paper with a pen recording all the bits and pieces. Nowadays you're more likely to see an electronic version - like the fancy heart monitoring machines in most hospitals... you know... the machines that go "ping" :o)

I'd say the OP wants an electronic/IDL version - dunno how you'd implement the paper/pen version in IDL (can you imagine the issues with PS output? Lordy.) It would be neat thing to write... I presume the ability to playback/scroll/stop/inquire the recorded data would be a must.

paulv

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart

Posted by [pestMay](#) on Thu, 09 Sep 2004 01:53:48 GMT

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port, is essential
in monitoring the data stream.

There are many commercial hardware/software solutions (e.g., BIO-PAC) and an IDL competitor, MATLAB, has one. The X-axis is always time, and often there are a number of channels of data that might include an event marker (e.g., we just launched the weather sound, a subject in an experiment pressed a button, etc.).

Ed May

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Thu, 09 Sep 2004 18:02:40 GMT

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Cheers,
bob

xr = [0,100]

```
yr=[-4,4]
```

```
plot,fltarr(1),xr=xr,yr=yr
```

```
timeincrement = 1 ; the sample interval
```

```
datacounter = 0
```

```
datetime = !values.f_nan
```

```
data = !values.f_nan
```

```
for i = 0,1000 do begin
```

```
  ; make measurement
```

```
  newdata = (randomn(seed,1))[0]
```

```
  datetime = [datetime,i]
```

```
  data = [data,newdata]
```

```
  datacounter = datacounter+1
```

```
  if datacounter gt 50 then begin
```

```
    ;shift the axis
```

```
    xr = xr + timeincrement
```

```
  ;redraw data
```

```
  plot,datetime,data,xr=xr,yr=yr,psym=-4
```

```
  endif else begin
```

```
    if i gt 0 then begin
```

```
      plots,datetime[datacounter],data[datacounter],psym=-4,/data, /continue
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```
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```
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```

```
  wait,0.1
```

```
endfor
```

```
end
```

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Thu, 09 Sep 2004 19:00:39 GMT

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Wow. That's pretty darn cool.

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart
Posted by [Haje Korth](#) on Thu, 09 Sep 2004 19:37:27 GMT
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I would define the maximum length of the arrays before hand. Appending can take fairly long once arrays get large. That is at least the experience I had in the past.

Haje

"R.G. Stockwell" <noemail@please.com> wrote in message
news:EW00d.17\$ts4.29302@news.uswest.net...
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>
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>
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>   plots,datetime[datacounter],data[datacounter],psym=4,/data
> endelse
> endelse
> wait,0.1
>
> endfor
>
>
> end
>
>
```

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart
Posted by [pestMay](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2004 01:20:42 GMT
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Public thanks to Bob for the clever start on a strip-chart.

Ed

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart
Posted by [btt](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2004 14:42:56 GMT
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R.G. Stockwell wrote:

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Hi,

I echo Paul, Cool!

I have added a few tidbits to control flashing (at least on my machine.) (1) plotting is done to a pixmap then copied to the display and (2) a keepStart keyword keeps the starting data position in time.

I'll bet you the Mark H will pipe in here to mention that it is possible to do this very smoothly with object graphics.

Ben

```
*****START
```

```
PRO stripchart, $
keepStart = keepStart
```

```
xr = [0,100]
yr=[-4,4]
```

```
keep = Keyword_Set(KeepStart)
```

```
Window, /free
thisWin = !D.window
xSize = !D.x_size
ySize = !D.y_size
```

```
Window, /free, /pixmap
pixWin = !D.window
plot,fltarr(1),xr=xr,yr=yr
```

```
wset, thisWin
; [Xs, Ys, Nx, Ny, Xd, Yd, W]
Device, copy = [0,0,xsize, ysize,0,0, pixWin]
wset, pixWin
```

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data = !values.f_nan
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```
for i = 0,1000 do begin
; make measurement
newdata = (randomn(seed,1))[0]
datatime = [datatime,i]
data = [data,newdata]
datacounter = datacounter+1
```

```
if datacounter gt 50 then begin
;shift the axis - keep start position if requested
if keep then $
xr[1] = (xr[1] + timeIncrement) else $
xr = (xr + timeincrement)
```

```
;redraw data
```

```
plot,datatime,data,xr=xr,yr=yr,psym=-4
```

```
endif else begin
```

```
if i gt 0 then begin
plots,datatime[datacounter],data[datacounter],psym=-4, /data, /continue
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plots,datatime[datacounter],data[datacounter],psym=4, /data
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```

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```

```
*****END
```

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart
Posted by [John Smith](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2004 15:20:22 GMT
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Well I did only have a few minutes!

But I would definitely limit the size of array (as Haje says), perhaps a single buffer (initially NANs) with a shift statement, and NAN the point that gets shifted to the end.

Also, I would also to some pixmapping as Ben suggests.

Cheers,
bob

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart
Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2004 15:23:15 GMT
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"John Smith" <noemail@please.com> wrote in message news:2qdv4jFu77jfU1@uni-berlin.de...
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Ah, oops. I just changed newsservers, and didn't set the name up right. news.qwest seems to expire messages after about 20 minutes, and I seemed to be missing a lot of posts. So I went with the free (text groups read and post) at news.individual.net

Cheers,
bob

Subject: Re: IDL Strip Chart

Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Fri, 10 Sep 2004 15:25:47 GMT

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ARGH!

.... news.individual.net ...

sometimes i have a reel problern speeling... a sin() of troo geenyus or conmplete idocy
