
Subject: Re: Map_grid options

Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2004 00:15:40 GMT

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Ken Bowman

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Posted by [jcesq](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2004 17:50:46 GMT

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Any suggsetions welcome

Jeferson

"Kenneth P. Bowman" <kpb@null.com> wrote in message news:<kpb-C357FF.19154003102004@news.tamu.edu>...

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Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2004 19:27:55 GMT
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Something like this should get you started (dx and dy are fudge factors to get the label alignment right). This example is for a cylindrical equidistant global map.

Ken Bowman

```
PRO MAP_TEST1
```

```
title = 'Map Test 1'
```

```
!P.POSITION = [0.1, 0.1, 0.9, 0.9]
```

```
MAP_SET, 0, 0, /CYLINDRICAL, LIMIT = [-90, -180, 90, 180], /NOBORDER
```

```
MAP_CONTINENTS
```

```
ch_size = CONVERT_COORD(!D.X_CH_SIZE, !D.Y_CH_SIZE, /DEVICE, /TO_NORMAL)
```

```
dx = ch_size(0)
```

```
dy = ch_size(1)
```

```
xy = CONVERT_COORD(0.0, 90.0, /DATA, /TO_NORMAL)
```

```
XYOUTS, xy(0), xy(1)+1.5*dy, title, /NORMAL, ALIGNMENT = 0.5
```

```
xy0 = CONVERT_COORD(-180.0, -90.0, /DATA, /TO_NORMAL)
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```
xy1 = CONVERT_COORD( 180.0,  90.0, /DATA, /TO_NORMAL)
```

```
FOR xx = -180, 180, 90 DO BEGIN
  xy  = CONVERT_COORD(FLOAT(xx), -90.0, /DATA, /TO_NORMAL)
  PLOTS, [xy[0], xy[0]], [xy[1], xy[1]], PSYM = -3, /NORMAL
  xlabel = STRTRIM(STRING(xx), 2)
  XYOUTS, xy(0), xy(1)-2.0*dy, xlabel, /NORMAL, ALIGNMENT = 0.5
ENDFOR

FOR yy = -90, 90, 30 DO BEGIN
  xy  = CONVERT_COORD(-180.0, FLOAT(yy), /DATA, /TO_NORMAL)
  PLOTS, [xy[0], xy[0]], [xy[1], xy[1]], PSYM = -3, /NORMAL
  ylabel = STRTRIM(STRING(yy), 2)
  XYOUTS, xy(0)-dx, xy(1)-dy/2.0, ylabel, /NORMAL, ALIGNMENT = 1.0
ENDFOR

END
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Subject: Re: Map_grid options
Posted by [jcesq](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2004 11:18:13 GMT
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OK! I'll try that!!

Thanks,
J.

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