
Subject: Cursor Position with Draw Widget
Posted by [ganga](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 1994 20:33:04 GMT
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Any help would be appreciated. Thanks,

Ken

Subject: Re: Cursor Position with Draw Widget
Posted by [scott](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 1994 23:56:30 GMT
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Ken Ganga writes

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You get the coordinates directly from the event structure returned when the user clicks in the Draw Widget. They are in event.X and event.y, in device coords. To get the coords in data coords, do the following:

```
coords = CONVERT_COORD(event.X, event.Y, /DEVICE, /TO_DATA)
```

See page 1-340 of the IDL Reference Guide (v. 3.6.1) for more info, or feel free to email me.

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Subject: Re: Cursor Position with Draw Widget
Posted by [rivers](#) on Thu, 03 Nov 1994 04:04:01 GMT
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In article <398t20\$6im@agate.berkeley.edu>, ganga@physics14 (Ken Ganga) writes:

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You can get the cursor position in DEVICE coordinates and then convert to DATA coordinates with:

```
result = CONVERT_COORD(x, y, /device, /to_data)
```

Subject: Re: Cursor Position with Draw Widget
Posted by [8015](#) on Thu, 03 Nov 1994 17:47:04 GMT
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The event returned from clicking in a draw widget contains an X and Y parameter. You should be able to access it through event.x and event.y. Here's a line from one of my applications that handles the data conversion, also:

```
ll = convert_coord(event.x, event.y, /device, /to_data)
```

In this case it is converting the device coordinates to data coordinates from a map projection. A few lines later, the following

commands put lat and lon coordinates in strings:

```
latstr = 'Lat: ' + string(ll(1), format='(F12.2)')  
lonstr = 'Lon: ' + string(ll(0), format='(F12.2)')
```

Hope that helps,

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