
Subject: Re: ROI on map

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 18 Sep 2006 17:55:42 GMT

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catwiththat writes:

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> interest. ROI on a map projection? (direct graphics). For example, I
> would define a map project, overlay a contour plot and then want to
> interactively select region. The routine would return the vertices of
> the perimeter of the polygon.

And the problem is....what!?

This is no different from drawing any other line on a draw widget. Convert your positions (returned in DEVICE coordinates) to your map coordinates with CONVERT_COORD. Just be sure you save your data coordinate space (!X, !Y, and !MAP) after you draw your map so you can restore it before you do the coordinate conversion.

This article might help:

http://www.dfanning.com/widget_tips/line_on_image.html

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: ROI on map

Posted by [catwiththat](#) on Tue, 19 Sep 2006 05:29:46 GMT

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David,

Thanks, my widget programming is a bit rusty, so I was looking at the DEFROI function and was looking for something equivalent for a non-image "direct" graphic.

I think I can work from your example though, thanks! When you say restore coordinate space you mean that I reset the system variables !X,!Y and !MAP to the saved values by

simply setting:
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 19 Sep 2006 11:56:12 GMT
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Axel writes:

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> non-image "direct" graphic.

Well, widgets usually use "direct" graphics. At least mine do.

I suppose you could do something like this in a regular IDL window, but the code will be so convoluted and ugly that it hardly seems worth it to me. Your widget programming skills don't have to be very spectacular to make something like this work, though. Something very, very basic is probably enough. :-)

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That's what I mean. (Although, usually in the reversed order of this.)

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Plot, x, y  
bangX = !X  
bangY = !Y
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Then, later in your program when you need to know this data coordinate space is set up properly:

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!X = bangx  
!y = bangy
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Cheers,

David

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