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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 01:03:09 GMT

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It worked great, although the grid was a little too fine to see the texture very well. Another way I could have done this would be to combine a texture image and "grid" image with some kind of image blending (see IMAGE\_BLEND on my web page). Then use this blended image as the texture map of the surface. This would allow me to "dial in" the grid, as I needed.

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Jim Pendleton](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 03:33:56 GMT

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> "David Fanning" <[news@dfanning.com](mailto:news@dfanning.com)> wrote in message  
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And if you use the SHARE\_DATA keyword on the second IDLgrSurface's creation, specifying the reference to the first IDLgrSurface, you can improve your memory efficiency, especially if you're working with a large mesh.

Jim P.

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Posted by [yy](#) on Thu, 12 Oct 2006 18:59:57 GMT

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I tried the second way you suggested. It works pretty well! Thank you!

Jingyi

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