
Subject: Re: xrange woes

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 18 Jul 2007 18:02:24 GMT

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I don't know. This works perfectly for me:

```
IDL> data = dindgen(51) * 0.0001 + 2000000D
IDL> Window, XSIZE=1200, YSIZE=500
IDL> plot, data, time, xstyle=1, xtickformat='(f20.6)'
IDL> print, data[50] - data[0]
      0.0049999998
```

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Thu, 19 Jul 2007 04:17:11 GMT

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Craig

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Posted by [Josh](#) on Thu, 19 Jul 2007 20:26:28 GMT

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On Jul 18, 10:17 pm, Craig Markwardt

<craigm...@REMOVEcow.physics.wisc.edu> wrote:

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> Craig

Thanks Craig, I was able to use both xrange and xstyle by subtracting
most of the value from all of the points.

-Josh
