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Posted by mandrilhot on Mon, 01 Jun 2009 18:08:47 GMT
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Thanks!
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Subject: Re: polyfill
Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 01 Jun 2009 23:36:31 GMT
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mandrilhot@yahoo.co.uk writes:

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I was curious about this, so I modified some of the code to do this in a graphics window, which you can find here:

http://www.dfanning.com/code_tips/transpoly.html

By just grabbing the area inside the axes, and outputting that into the PostSript file as an image, and then putting the axes around that, I got some results that are not too bad.

You will need the current Coyote Library code to run this example, but I was quite surprised at how well it turned out.

Cheers,

David

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PRO Transparent_PS

  ; Create some data.
  signal = LoadData(1) - 15
  time = Findgen(N_Elements(signal)) * 6.0 / N_Elements(signal)


  ; Create some windows.
  Window, Title='Data Window', XSIZE=400, YSIZE=400, /FREE
  dataWin = !D.Window
  Window, Title='Polygon Window', XSIZE=400, YSIZE=400, /FREE
  polyWin = !D.Window


 ; Draw plot in data window.
  WSet, dataWin
  pos = [0.2, 0.2, 0.9, 0.9]
  Plot, time, signal, BACKGROUND=FSC_Color('ivory'), $
     COLOR=FSC_Color('navy'), $
     /NODATA, XTitle='Time', YTitle='Signal Strength', $
     POSITION=pos
  OPLOT, time, signal, THICK=2, COLOR=FSC_Color('cornflower blue')
  OPLOT, time, signal, PSYM=2, COLOR=FSC_Color('olive')

  ; Take a snapshot.
  background = TVREAD(TRUE=3)


  ; Copy data window and draw a polygon in the polygon window.
  WSet, polyWin
  DEVICE, COPY=[0, 0, 400, 400, 0, 0, dataWin]
  POLYFILL, [ 0,  6, 6, 0,  0], $
          [-5, -5, 5, 5, -5], /DATA, $
          COLOR=FSC_COLOR('deep pink')

  ; Take a snapshot of this window.
  foreground = TVREAD(TRUE=3)

  ; Display the transparency.
  alpha = 0.25
  Window, Title='Transparent Polygon Window', $
      XSIZE=400, YSIZE=400, /FREE
  TV, (foreground * alpha) + (1 - alpha) * background, TRUE=3
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   ; Do it in PostScript now.
   dpos = pos
   dpos[[0,2]] = pos[[0,2]] * !D.X_Size
   dpos[[1,3]] = pos[[1,3]] * !D.Y_Size
   inPic = TVRead(dpos[0],dpos[1],dpos[2]-dpos[0]+1,dpos[3]-dpos[1]+1)

   PS_Start, FILENAME='transparent_plot.ps', XSIZE=4, YSIZE=4, $
       /INCHES, /ENCAPSULATED
   TVImage, inPic, POSITION=pos
   Plot, time, signal, COLOR=FSC_Color('navy'), $
     /NODATA, XTitle='Time', YTitle='Signal Strength', $
     POSITION=pos, /NOERASE
   PS_END;, /PNG
END
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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming (www.dfanning.com)
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
