
Subject: Re: Continuous colorbar

Posted by [penteado](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2010 15:19:06 GMT

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On Jun 28, 11:35 am, zhangyehui <zhangye...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2010 15:42:55 GMT

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You can download a Brewer color table file here:

http://www.dfanning.com/programs/fsc_brewer.tbl

Once the file is located somewhere on your IDL path, you can use it with all of the color tools available in the Coyote Library. And, in particular, with CTLOAD or XCOLORS by setting the /BREWER keyword. There are about 12 divergent color tables among the 28 offered. I use them all the time for exactly this purpose.

http://www.dfanning.com/color_tips/brewer.html

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: Continuous colorbar

Posted by [zhangyehui](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2010 15:43:54 GMT

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Many thanks.

I found some tables I want in the Brewer tables. ^O^

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Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2010 16:02:43 GMT

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Subject: Re: Continuous colorbar
Posted by [zhangyehui](#) on Mon, 28 Jun 2010 17:41:42 GMT
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On Jun 28, 12:02 pm, mgalloy <mgal...@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Mike
> --www.michaelgalloy.com
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> Tech-X Corporation

Thanks a lot for all your reply

Problem solved~~~^_*

The Brewer color tables are really good for me~~~

Cheers,

Ally
