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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 18:39:42 GMT
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Subject: Re: Get Lat/long equivalent based on NEASE grid value
Posted by [Snow53](#) on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 18:50:54 GMT
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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 19:04:13 GMT

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Posted by [Snow53](#) on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 19:18:05 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 19:28:40 GMT

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Posted by [Snow53](#) on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 19:33:14 GMT

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By the way, I was going to write in one of my answers that you can't use MAP_PROJ_INIT to create a Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area (EASE grid) with a WGS-84 datum anyway, since you can't use non-spherical axes to define your datum with this projection. But, of course, I looked at the IDL on-line help before I posted this, which is part of my strategy to avoid looking the fool.

It said you could! That confused me, so I looked at the IDL 7 on-line help just now. That said you couldn't!

So, hooray! Something I really need is FIXED in IDL 8.0!!
I *knew* there was a reason I was spending all that money to upgrade. ;-)

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