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Subject: Re: Overplot data on a 2d histogram  
Posted by [penteado](#) on Thu, 28 Oct 2010 00:29:18 GMT  
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On Oct 27, 8:29 pm, Paulo Penteado <[pp.pente...@gmail.com](mailto:pp.pente...@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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Perfect! So simple! I'd spent all my time pouring over the help for  
the PLOT() function, didn't even think to look at IMAGE() first :(

Thanks Paulo!

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