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Subject: Re: Strange TITLE output using NG PLOT.  
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 20:44:02 GMT  
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Posted by [lecachoux.alain](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 20:46:16 GMT  
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x = findgen(100)
y = (x/10.0)^3
p = PLOT( x,y, TITLE='My x-y plot', XTITLE='x-axis', YTITLE='y-axis')
p.Refresh, /DISABLE
for i = 0, 31 do !Null = plot(x, y, OVERPLOT=p)
p.Refresh

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Subject: Re: Strange TITLE output using NG PLOT.  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 21:01:59 GMT  
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Paul van Delst writes:

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How do you get a rubberband box in this plot? Whenever I click inside the plot to draw a rubberband box, the whole damn plot moves on me. :-)

Cheers,

David

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David Fanning, Ph.D.  
Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.  
Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>  
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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Subject: Re: Strange TITLE output using NG PLOT.  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 21:05:21 GMT  
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David Fanning wrote:

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> I click inside the plot to draw a rubberband box,

> the whole damn plot moves on me. :-)

Yeah, it's an annoying default.

Hold down the shift key and the cursor should change from and hand to a magnifying glass. Now you can zoom.

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paulv

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Subject: Re: Strange TITLE output using NG PLOT.  
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 21:58:32 GMT  
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Brilliant! Thanks very much. That sped up the process greatly (and solved the title redraw issue too!). DG is still faster but the 20second wait for NG that I whinged about in my original post is now a \*much\* less noticeable large-fraction of a second.

All of the plot examples in the docs I looked at simply used OVERPLOT -- I didn't see any examples using the refresh method (until I clicked on the method documentation itself after reading your post. D'oh!)

Merci beaucoup!

cheers,

paulv

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Subject: Re: Strange TITLE output using NG PLOT.  
Posted by [penteado](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 23:44:02 GMT  
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Range is only preserved if the first plot had the x and y ranges explicitly set. Otherwise it is recalculated (and possibly changed, redrawing everything) on every overplot.

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