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**Subject:** Re: draw spheres in 3D space  
**Posted by** Junum on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 18:53:41 GMT  
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**Posted by** penteado on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 19:03:36 GMT  
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Posted by [Junum](#) on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 19:14:05 GMT  
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Subject: Re: draw spheres in 3D space  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 19:19:38 GMT  
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Cheers,

David

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

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Subject: Re: draw spheres in 3D space  
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 19:21:49 GMT  
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xobjview, model

Mike

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Michael Galloy

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Subject: Re: draw spheres in 3D space

Posted by [penteadoo](#) on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 19:26:26 GMT

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Subject: Re: draw spheres in 3D space  
Posted by [Junum](#) on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 19:31:22 GMT  
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Thank you very much for help.

It is really cool.

How can I add xyz axes on this plot?

Thank you.

Jun

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Subject: Re: draw spheres in 3D space

Posted by Junum on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 19:40:04 GMT

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Dear Paulo Penteado

Thank you for your help.

Now I don't have any problem, except symbols are too small.

I can change symbol size manually, but what I wanted is seven spheres attached, so I specified size and center of spheres.

Can I specify the size of sphere?

Thank you.

Jun

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Subject: Re: draw spheres in 3D space

Posted by penteado on Mon, 06 Jun 2011 23:15:29 GMT

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