
Subject: Re: Total and Utter Confusion!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 15:31:34 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

> Can anyone, anywhere make any sense of that!? :-(

Oh, hang on! I can make sense of that. No colorbar information in the contour plot (got commented out).

But, if I fix that, then this program definitely crashes my computer, with both software and hardware rendering turned on. Removing the TICKNAME keyword from the COLORBAR function solves the problem in both cases.

This is **really** strange, because yesterday afternoon this program was working! It was my main test program. I just confirmed that I am running my new driver. I guess I could try clearing out all the files in my cache again, but this is getting to be a TOTAL bother! :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Total and Utter Confusion!

Posted by [Matt\[2\]](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 16:01:29 GMT

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David,

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<https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/~jbattat/computer/python/science/idl-numpy.html>

Cheers,

Matt

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I suppose this is inevitable. No language lasts forever. Is Borland Turbo C still around? And Python has its own problems (e.g., the transition from 2 to 3). But, it's sad to see. Now that I think about it, it's kind of like watching your parents get old. Lots of nostalgia and lots of sadness, too. Still, we soldier on until they are actually gone. What else can we do?

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 16:35:49 GMT

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Just to add insult to injury, about 2 seconds after
I hit the Send button, I got an e-mail from ITTVIS
with my Maintenance Quote. I suppose "and put it where
the sun don't shine" is not an appropriate response. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 17:44:20 GMT

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Well, Fortran is still going strong. :o)

But don't take my word for it. See: <http://www.levenez.com/lang/> :oD

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Run IDL in a 32-bit environment? (BTW, have you tried that?)

cheers,

paulv

Subject: Re: Total and Utter Confusion!

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 09 Sep 2011 17:45:40 GMT

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Paul van Delst writes:

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I tried it yesterday, without much success. Today, watching the tennis seems to be a MUCH better idea than fighting with IDL.

Cheers,

David

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