
Subject: Re: 3d device coordinates from a 3D polyline....
Posted by [George.millward](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2012 21:31:49 GMT
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On Friday, September 28, 2012 3:30:56 PM UTC-6, (unknown) wrote:

> Hi there,
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> This must be straightforward but I'm lost in the help system:
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> Any ideas ?
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> Cheers
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> George.

sorry, that should say : '2d device coordinates from a 3D polyline....'

Subject: Re: 3d device coordinates from a 3D polyline....
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 12:31:59 GMT
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George.millward@yahoo.com writes:

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I'm no expert in this area, but I think the 3D to 2D conversions of the transformation matrix (which you can recover from the trackball) are well known. You can read the answer at the bottom of this article, for example:

<http://math.stackexchange.com/questions/336/why-are-3d-transformation-matrices-4x4-instead-of-3x3>

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: 3d device coordinates from a 3D polyline....
Posted by [George.millward](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 17:07:21 GMT
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On Monday, October 1, 2012 6:32:00 AM UTC-6, David Fanning wrote:

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Hmm,

So there is nothing in the object graphics system like the 'CONVERT_COORD' routine ?

George.

Subject: Re: 3d device coordinates from a 3D polyline....
Posted by [DavidF\[1\]](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2012 17:10:14 GMT
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George Millward writes:

> So there is nothing in the object graphics system like the 'CONVERT_COORD' routine ?

Not to my knowledge. :-(

Cheers,

David

Subject: Re: 3d device coordinates from a 3D polyline....
Posted by [lecacheux.alain](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2012 09:22:12 GMT

Le lundi 1 octobre 2012 19:07:22 UTC+2, (inconnu) a écrit :

> On Monday, October 1, 2012 6:32:00 AM UTC-6, David Fanning wrote:

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In Object Graphics and New Graphics you can use "[XYZ]COORD_CONV" and "ConvertCoord" methods, respectively. The last one being quite similar to the "Convert_Coord" function in Direct Graphics.
Alain.
