
Subject: Re: sorting out polygon connectivity in a simple 2D rectangular dataset...
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2012 00:25:08 GMT
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George.millward@yahoo.com writes:

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I think you must be thinking about the "old" IDL. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>
Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

Subject: Re: sorting out polygon connectivity in a simple 2D rectangular dataset...
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2012 04:27:55 GMT
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Hi George,

Yep, it's as easy as you thought it should be... you just used IDLgrPolygon (which allows/requires that you specify the connectivity for the mesh) instead of IDLgrSurface (which creates the grid for you. This looks like what you want. If you really wanted to use IDLgrPolygon, the Mesh_Obj procedure (type=2) would help you to make the required vertex and connectivity lists.

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Hope this helps!

Cheers,
-Dick

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Victoria, BC, Canada --- www.d-jackson.com

On Thursday, November 15, 2012 3:48:02 PM UTC-8, George....@yahoo.com wrote:

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Posted by [George.millward](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2012 18:56:58 GMT

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Dick,

Perfect - I forgot about IDLgrSurface.

Thanks for your help.

George.
