
Subject: Re: convert_coord & overplotting across multiple widget draw windows

Posted by [havok2063](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2013 01:33:13 GMT

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> I've set the 1 window to be the active one and I load in that window's !x, and !y so I'm not sure what else I need to do to get it to consistently overplot.

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> My code is something like

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> (*pState).wDrawFlux:begin

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> widget_control, (*pState).wDrawFlux, get_value=value, get_uvalue=uvalue

>

> case event.type of

>

> ;button press

>

> 0:begin

>

> ;left mouse button press

>

> if event.press eq 1 then begin

>

> print, 'left mouse button pressed!'

>

> wset, value

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> !x=(*pState).fluxd.x

>

> !y=(*pState).fluxd.y

>

> dataxy = convert_coord(event.x, event.y, /device, /to_data)

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>
>         fiberid = floor(dataxy[1])
>
>         print, 'Fiber id: '+strtrim(fiberid,2)
>
>
>
>         ;highlight
>
>         oplot, [-5000,5000], fltarr(2)+fiberid, color=!red
>
>         oplot, [-5000,5000], fltarr(2)+fiberid+1, color=!red
>
>
>
>         ;plot in other window
>
>         widget_control, (*pState).wDrawSpec, get_value=specwin
>
>         wset, specwin
>
>         plot, flat[*,fiberid]
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> dot dot dot
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> Thanks for any help.
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Subject: Re: convert_coord & overplotting across multiple widget draw windows
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2013 01:36:47 GMT
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I would say you need to at least restore the !P system variable, too.
Otherwise, the coordinates won't know where the plot is in the window.
(The windows are presumably the same size, right?)

I always position graphics with the POSITION keyword, so I find the cgCoord object perfect for keeping track of this kind of thing. Just call the Draw method before you do any drawing of any sort.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: convert_coord & overplotting across multiple widget draw windows
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2013 01:40:07 GMT
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The first rule of widget programming is to know which window you are drawing your graphics into. WSET is your friend here, and you should use it in any event handler that includes graphics commands. :-)

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Subject: Re: convert_coord & overplotting across multiple widget draw windows
Posted by [havok2063](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2013 02:48:18 GMT
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Thanks. Saving the lp state did the trick. I have two related questions.

1.) Is there an easy way to erase the previous over-plotted lines without re-plotting the whole window?

2.) How would you suggest combining a single left-click to "click and plot something" and a left-click drag a rubber-band box to create a window to zoom in on the plot? I was thinking of putting the "click+plot" on a left button release event and have the box drawing on the motion, with a condition on release that if the new mouse coords are different than the old, then it's not a single click..so do the box thing and zoom.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2013 03:07:20 GMT
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Put the basic plot in a pixmap window and use the ol' smoke and mirrors trick of Device Copy to "erase" the overplotted lines. It happens so fast no one will suspect what you are doing. It is shocking how many fabulous things can be done with such a simple technique. See the AnnotateWindow program, for example:

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It is VERY easy for draw widget event handling code to get completely out of control if you try to be too clever. It's sometimes a lot easier to put the draw window into "modes": draw plot mode, zoom mode, make a box mode, etc. That way, you can just have different event handlers that get selected for the draw widget, depending on what mode it is in. This is a LOT easier to handle. The example above is a good example of this technique, too.

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Posted by [havok2063](#) on Sat, 12 Jan 2013 01:08:05 GMT
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Thanks a lot. This helps a lot. This pixmap is neat and a little confusing at the same time, especially when you're juggling them over 3 different windows back and forth. I've got it working now though, both for my over-plotting and for zooming with the rubberband zoom box. My next step is to try to add image panning.

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