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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 30 Apr 2013 13:26:41 GMT
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Cheers,

David

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Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Tue, 30 Apr 2013 13:34:04 GMT
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Ok, think I realised the answer just after posting (as is often the way). David, your comment led me to it, thanks. I added a keyword to my routine which, if passed, bypasses the call to map_set. So you can overlay multiple images that way.

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Well, frankly, I think it is the "plotting" that is advancing !P.Multi, not the `MAP_SET`. So, yes, I think overplotting with a routine that doesn't "erase" the window would be a better idea. If you want to overplot "after the fact", then you can just save the normal system variables that get set by a plot operation (or, in your case, by `MAP_SET`) and restore them when you want to overplot.

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