
Subject: Problems with control the size of the lat-lon tick labels and the position of my colorbar

Posted by [atmospheric physics](#) on Thu, 12 Dec 2013 16:51:13 GMT

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Hello,

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(N.B:This is not complete but a part of the code!)

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  cgDisplay,1200,1000  
  
  Lats=[50.84D,50.96D] & CenterLat=(Max(Lats) + Min(Lats)) / 2.0  
  Lons=[6.36D,6.50D] & CenterLon=(Max(Lons) + Min(Lons)) / 2.0  
  
  cgMap_Set, CenterLat, CenterLon, /Cylindrical, /NoBorder, /NoErase, $  
    Limit=[50.84D,6.35D,50.96D, 6.51D], Position=[0.05, 0.47, 0.5, 0.92]  
  
  cgMap_Grid, /BOX, Color='charcoal', Thick=(!D.Name EQ 'PS') ? 2 : 1  
  
  cgLoadCT, 33 , Bottom=1  
  
  tickvalues=['0','100','200','300','400','500',$  
    '600','700','800','900','1000',$  
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  cgColorbar, Range=[0,1500],Bottom=1,Font=-1, Divisions=15, Title='W m!E-2!N', $  
    Format='(I4)',Ticknames=tickvalues,TLOCATION='Bottom',/FIT, $  
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Thanks in advance

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Dec 2013 17:43:56 GMT

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Well, there is quite a lot wrong here. :-)

> (1) How to control the font size of the lat-lon values on the grid map?

I get the distinct feeling you do not like to read program documentation. You are not alone in this, of course, but it really, really helps when you are trying to get something to work. :-)

The documentation is in the header to the files, or it is available on-line. Please bookmark it for future use.

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/idldoc/cg/index.html>

In this case a CharSize keyword will work. :-)

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It is not possible with this software.

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The easiest way would probably just be to add them with a couple of cgText commands.

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You position the color bar with the Position keyword to cgColorbar.

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The position values in the `cgMap_Set` command will have no effect on the colorbar width. The width of the colorbar is determined by the `Position` keyword to `cgColorbar`.

If you want to position your color bar with respect to the map, then you should calculate its position relative to the map position. I would not be using `cgLayout` to position a colorbar, unless you like very fat colorbars. :-)

A couple of other things I notice. You have a `NoErase` keyword on the `cgMap_Set` command. What is the purpose of that? It doesn't look like it belongs there to me.

You are making two PNG files (one when you close the PostScript device, and another when you run `cgPS2Raster`). They are overwriting each other, so this is taking twice as long (at least!) as it should. Do you want two PNG files, or just one?

You are probably right to use `cgLayout` if you want to add colorbars to your map, because you probably won't have enough space underneath it to add a color bar. The `cgLayout` program will allow you to adjust the "gap" between plots so you can have enough room. You can see details on this page:

http://www.idlcoyote.com/code_tips/multiplots.php

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Dec 2013 19:51:27 GMT

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Posted by [Andy Sayer](#) on Thu, 12 Dec 2013 20:13:17 GMT

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Subject: Re: Problems with control the size of the lat-lon tick labels and the position of my colorbar

Posted by [atmospheric physics](#) on Fri, 13 Dec 2013 14:41:56 GMT

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I have sorted my problems before your post... Thanks for the elaborate clarification.

Subject: Re: Problems with control the size of the lat-lon tick labels and the position of my colorbar

Posted by [atmospheric physics](#) on Fri, 13 Dec 2013 14:47:58 GMT

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