
Subject: Filling the frame of a NG plot
Posted by [dg86](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2014 16:43:54 GMT
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{ x86_64 darwin unix Mac OS X 8.4 Sep 27 2014    64    64}
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What's the right way to do what I want?

All the best,

David

Subject: Re: Filling the frame of a NG plot
Posted by [chris_torrence@NOSPAM](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2014 17:40:48 GMT
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On Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:43:57 AM UTC-7, David Grier wrote:

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Hi David,

Have you tried the BACKGROUND_COLOR property?

```
p = PLOT(/TEST, BACKGROUND_COLOR='yellow')
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-Chris

Subject: Re: Filling the frame of a NG plot
 Posted by [dg86](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2014 17:57:56 GMT
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On Wednesday, December 3, 2014 12:41:41 PM UTC-5, Chris Torrence wrote:

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The intention here is to superimpose a plot with a yellow background over a field of grayscale noise. The plot appears over the noise, but without the yellow background. That's why I started trying to use a polygon to fill in the frame.

Is this a bug?

TTFN,

Subject: Re: Filling the frame of a NG plot
Posted by [dg86](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2014 17:59:13 GMT
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On Wednesday, December 3, 2014 12:57:59 PM UTC-5, David Grier wrote:
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Oops: I forgot the position keyword:

```
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David

Subject: Re: Filling the frame of a NG plot
Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Wed, 03 Dec 2014 18:19:25 GMT
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I think it always tries to keep "annotations" (like Polygons, Text, etc.) on top of the "visualizations" (like Plots, etc). One possibility is to use POLYGON with the /DATA keyword, so it throws it into the Visualization space instead of Annotation space.

However, a better way might be to do a fake plot with FILL_BACKGROUND:

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axis_style=0, linestyle='none')  
p2 = plot([0, 1], position = pos, current = win)
```

-Chris

Subject: Re: Filling the frame of a NG plot
Posted by [dg86](#) on Wed, 03 Dec 2014 22:11:13 GMT
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On Wednesday, December 3, 2014 1:19:26 PM UTC-5, Chris Torrence wrote:

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Victory! Many thanks, Chris.

Even so, fixing the background_color property might be easier.

All the best,

David
