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Subject: Orientation of 2-d plot  
Posted by [tasboy63](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2017 01:17:51 GMT  
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Any idea how this might be done?  
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Subject: Re: Orientation of 2-d plot  
Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2017 15:24:50 GMT  
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```
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```

```
x = t^2
```

```
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```

```
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Subject: Re: Orientation of 2-d plot  
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2017 18:09:15 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Orientation of 2-d plot  
Posted by [tasboy63](#) on Fri, 20 Jan 2017 22:45:54 GMT  
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On Saturday, 21 January 2017 02:24:54 UTC+11, Phillip Bitzer wrote:  
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D'oh! I can't believe I didn't try that!

Thanks Phillip (and wlandsman) for your replies.

In this instance swapping the variables (with a little jiggery pokery) works just fine.

Phil

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Subject: Re: Orientation of 2-d plot

Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Sat, 21 Jan 2017 16:12:31 GMT

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On Friday, January 20, 2017 at 12:09:18 PM UTC-6, wlandsman wrote:

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Good call Wayne. But, Barplot does have a horizontal property that rotates, i.e. produces horizontal bars, similar to David's cgHistoplot:

```
x = randomn(11, 1000)
```

```
h = HISTOGRAM(x, BINSIZE=0.1, LOCATIONS=loc)
```

```
bp = barplot(loc, h)
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bp.horizontal = 1
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Subject: Re: Orientation of 2-d plot

Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sun, 22 Jan 2017 03:49:40 GMT

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On Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11:12:33 AM UTC-5, Phillip Bitzer wrote:

Cool!

> Good call Wayne. But, Barplot does have a horizontal property that rotates, i.e. produces horizontal bars, similar to David's cgHistoplot:

```
>  
> x = randomn(1l, 1000)  
> h = HISTOGRAM(x, BINSIZE=0.1, LOCATIONS=loc)  
> bp = barplot(loc, h)  
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```

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