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Posted by Wolfgang Knorr on Tue, 19 Nov 1996 08:00:00 GMT
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then has some problems similar to the first version.
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Thanks a lot.

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Don't get me started on map_set.
I rely on it and spend a great deal of my time creating "work arounds."

I don't use /cont when calling map_set, I use a home grown procedure
which contours the percentage of a grid box which is land. The
resolution
is .25 degrees by .25 degrees, and works for the mollweide projection.
I can make the source code and data set available to you if you wish.

And don't forget the /isotropic keyword!
You can specify a particular projection, but you won't get
a true projection of that type unless you specify /isotropic!
Figure that one out for me.

BTW: How does this look?
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map_set, 0, 180, /cyl, limit=[-30,90,30,300], /cont, /iso
map_continents, /fill
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Ok, I'll stop there.

> Thanks a lot.

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Boulder, CO 80309-0449 "He who laughs last thinks slowest!"
