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Subject: map\_continents,/hires problem in IDL 5.0.3

Posted by [f055](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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I have just installed IDL 5.0.3 on our Digital Alpha (Dig. UNIX 4.0) having previously had IDL 5.0.2. I got it via ftp, and since the high resolution coastlines only come on CD I had to copy my 5.0.2 hires coastline files to my 5.0.3 directory.

When using the hires coastlines, however, 5.0.3 doesn't work properly. Depending upon what region is being used, various bits are missing. Try the following:

```
window,ysize=850
!p.multi=[0,1,2,0,0]
;
; Global works fine
;
map_set,/advance
map_continents
map_set,/advance
map_continents,/hires
;
; Regional works fine
;
map_set,/advance,limit=[0,-90,90,90]
map_continents
map_set,/advance,limit=[0,-90,90,90]
map_continents,/hires
;
; Where is Greenland, Iceland and Svalbard in the hi-res version?
;
map_set,/advance,limit=[30,-50,80,50]
map_continents
map_set,/advance,limit=[30,-50,80,50]
map_continents,/hires
;
; Where is Britain?
;
map_set,/advance,limit=[45,-15,65,15]
map_continents
map_set,/advance,limit=[45,-15,65,15]
map_continents,/hires
```

If I try map\_continents,/hires,/coasts then I get Britain, but also many lakes that I do not want.

I don't think that this problem is related to my using 5.0.2 coastlines with

5.0.3 since the release notes do not indicate a change in the files. But, map\_continents.pro has been changed slightly. Try

```
UNIX> diff $IDL_DIR/lib/map_continents.pro $IDL5.0.2_DIR/lib
```

and you get

```
1c1
< ; $Id: map_continents.pro,v 1.20 1997/10/01 16:38:40 dave Exp $
---
> ; $Id: map_continents.pro,v 1.19 1997/03/26 00:15:35 dave Exp $
177c177
<      ((ndx.lonmin lt lonmax) and (ndx.lonmax gt lonmin)), count)
---
>      ((ndx.lonmin lt lonmax) OR (ndx.lonmax gt lonmin)), count)
180c180
<      subs = where((ndx.lonmin lt lonmax) and (ndx.lonmax gt lonmin), count)
---
>      subs = where((ndx.lonmin lt lonmax) OR (ndx.lonmax gt lonmin), count)
186c186
<
---
>
```

Two ORs have been changed to ANDs. If I try IDL 5.0.3 but compile the old map\_continents

```
IDL> .run <path of IDL5.0.2>/lib/map_continents.pro
```

then the above examples work fine.

Has anyone else encountered problems like this. Can I just stick with the old map\_continents.pro, or have the ORs been changed to ANDs for a reason?

Tim

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Subject: Re: map\_continents

Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 10 Apr 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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Harald Frey (hfrey@ssl.berkeley.edu) writes:

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This code looks fine on my Windows NT 4 machine with IDL 5.0.3. The continents look correct to me.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: map\_continents

Posted by [Martin Schultz](#) on Sat, 11 Apr 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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Martin.

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Subject: Re: map\_continents  
Posted by [David Foster](#) on Mon, 13 Apr 1998 07:00:00 GMT  
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I get the same problem as you. Sorry, no solutions.

```
IDL> help, !version, /struct
** Structure !VERSION, 5 tags, length=40:
  ARCH      STRING  'sparc'
  OS        STRING  'sunos'
  OS_FAMILY STRING  'unix'
  RELEASE   STRING  '5.0.3'
  BUILD_DATE STRING  'Nov 3 1997'
```

Dave

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Just let me add some more observations about this problem.  
I get the grid lines, but I don't get the coast lines. I tries the same on  
another computer

```
IDL> print,!version
{ alpha vms 3.5.1}
```

And it works just fine there with the full outline of the coastlines. So. I  
don't really know if it is a problem of IDL or of SPARC UNIX.

Harald

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Subject: Re: map\_continents  
Posted by [dmarshall](#) on Tue, 14 Apr 1998 07:00:00 GMT  
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Looks OK in student version 5.0.1 , in Win95.

Dave.

In article <MPG.f985fe2273a38ab98977e@news.frii.com>, davidf@dfanning.com (David Fanning) writes:

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I asked RSI about this problem and it turned out that it is really a bug in IDL 5.0.3. They sent me a new version of the map\_continents procedure and



after replacing it for the old version it now works fine.

Thank you, RSI support for the help.

Any interested user can get the corrected map\_continents.pro upon request.  
At the moment it should still be on their ftp site, but it may not stay  
there for a long time.

Harald Frey

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