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Posted by davidf on Fri, 20 Nov 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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All true, but NOT, I think, with !P.Multi. For one thing, the
!X.Window parameters are not set until *after* the plot is
made. It would be possible, probably, to use !P.Multi to do
some of the nasty calculating for you. Especially with respect
to calculating the proper character size, etc. for the plots.
I did something similar with a complicated plot object I
created some time ago that had to plot itself into a window
grid. But the actual plots were drawn with the parameters
that I got from !P.Multi, not by using it directly.

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!P.Multi is beautiful. In fact, more beautiful and useful than
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Have a look at my plot_text program, which allows you to position text
underneath a plot (or inside a plot). For example, try this:

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!p.multi=[0,1,2]
plot,[1,2],ymargin=[10,2]
plot_text,['Some text','Some more text'],position=1
plot,[1,2]
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You can also use my legend program to position a plot legend the same
way.

The plot_text and legend procedures are part of the 'windt library',
available at http://www.bell-labs.com/user/windt/idl

-David Windt