

Postscript files

- Postscript is a programming language for describing how a page is to be printed or displayed
- Plain text files that contain postscript code
- Have a .ps or .eps termination
- Can be opened with a texteditor and manipulated

Postscript files

```
Ⓞ %!PS-Adobe-3.0 EPSF-3.0
%%BoundingBox: 0 0 340 340
%%Title: GMT v3.0 Document from pscoast
%%Creator: Username Gaina
%%DocumentNeededResources: font Times-Roman
%%CreationDate: Mon Feb 15 12:30:19 1999
%%Orientation: Portrait
%%EndComments

%%BeginProlog
.....
% End of basemap
S 0 A
%%Trailer
% Reset translations and scale and call showpage
S -353 -353 T 4.97417 4.97417 scale showpage

end
```

Building valid PostScript files

HEADER

-O ommits the header.

BODY₁

⋮

BODY_n

2nd through $n-1$ 'th overlays
require both **-O** and **-K**.

TRAILER

-K ommits the trailer.

shell script template

- Use scripts when more than 1-2 commands are required
- Allows comments to be added
- Executable scripts behave like any other command
- It is faster to edit a script and rerun it than typing from scratch or doing copy/paste on the command line

Text editor

- To write scripts we need a text editor
e.g. vi, textmate, notepad
- We will be using NotePad++ in windows
- Go to Start – Programs – NotePad++
- Go to Settings – Preferences – New Document/Default Directory – Change format to UNIX

The ksh template

- In NotePad++ document, type
 - `#!/bin/bash`
 - `# Project:`
 - `# Date:`
 - `# Author: <Your Name>`
- Save it as `template.sh`
- Run `dos2unix template.sh`
- Make it executable:
 - `chmod +x template.sh`
- Use as template for future scripts

Exercise: Seismicity Script

- We want to plot the epicenters of earthquakes over a background Mercator coastline map. We will use data from the tutorial directory we just copied over (data set `quakes.ngdc` and colour table `quakes.cpt`).
- In particular, our map should have circles whose:
 - size scale with earthquake magnitude
 - color reflect hypocenter depth.

quakes.ngdc

- Historical tsunamigenic earthquakes from NGDC
- Plain ASCII data table with 3 header records:

Historical Tsunami Earthquakes from the NGDC Database

Year	Mo	Da	Lat+N	Long+E	Dep	Mag
1987	01	04	49.77	149.29	489	4.1
1987	01	09	39.90	141.68	067	6.8
1987	01	09	39.82	141.64	084	4.0

...

Converting quakes.ngdc

- We want input records with **lon lat depth size**
- We choose **size** = 0.04 * magnitude
- The UNIX tool **awk** can do this for us:

```
awk '{if (NR > 3) print $5, $4, $6,  
    0.04*$7}' quakes.ngdc > quakes.d
```

Output now looks like:

```
149.29 49.77 489 0.082
```

```
141.68 39.90 067 0.136
```

```
...
```

Assigning quake colors

- Typical seismicity color scheme is:
 - Red for shallow quakes (0–100 km)
 - Green for middle depths (100–300 km)
 - Blue for deep quakes (> 300 km)

```
# color palette for seismicity
```

```
#z0  start-color    z1  end-color
0     red           100  red
100  green         300  green
300  blue          1000  blue
```

Exercise: Seismicity Script cont...

Task: Write a script that plots historical seismicity on top of a Mercator geographic map as specified above. Pick contrasting colors for your map. Add a map scale (**-L**).

```
pscoast -R130/150/35/50 -JM12 -B5WSne -P -Ggray -K  
-Lf134/49/42.5/500 > seis.ps
```

```
psxy -R -JM -O -Cquakes.cpt quakes.d -Sc -W0.25p >>  
seis.ps
```

- Select another symbol
- Let deep earthquakes be cyan instead

Exercise: Sealevel

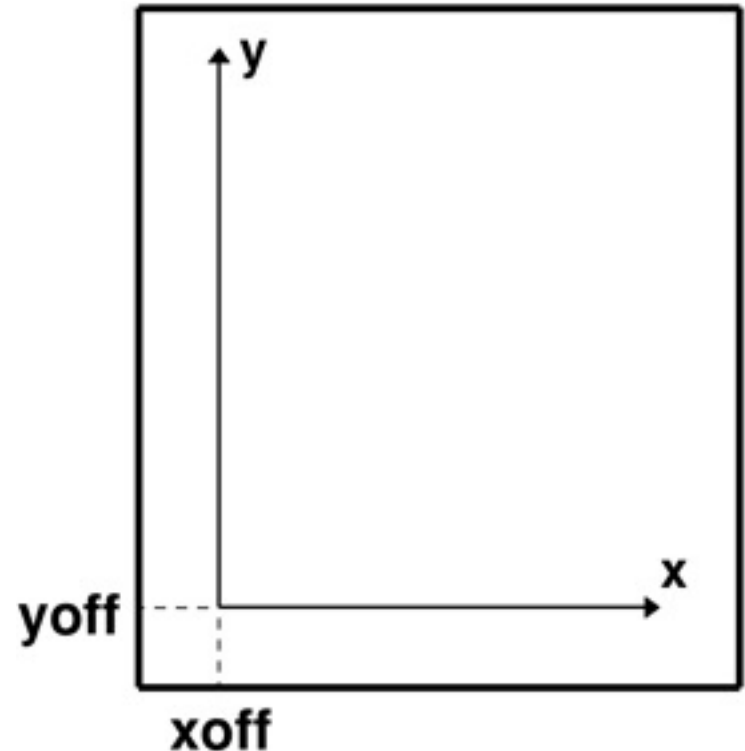
- Create a graph showing various sea-level curves using the ASCII files in the tutorial directory
 - Plot all sealevel curves as different coloured lines on the same plot
 - x axis to be sea-level (m) and the y axis to be Age (Ma)
 - Check the min/max of each file to make sure you get the frame right

Hints

- Use `psxy`
- Projection is `-JX`
- Remember your `-K` and `-O` assignments
- Only want a line plotted, so we only need `-W` option e.g. `-W1/blue`
- The frame should be the same for all because we only want one basemap with all curves plotted on one graph

Positioning maps on the page

- **-Xxoff** and **-Yyoff** relocates the origin
- Default is (1, 1) for start of new plot
- Default is (0, 0) for overlays.
- Relative (default) or absolute positioning is possible
- **-Xc** and **-Yc** centers a plot on the page



Exercise: Compare Sea-level 1

- More on sea-level curves:
 - Change the origin of the graph to be in the top right hand corner
 - The y-axis should start at 0 and move down to 140 Ma
 - Tip: to change the direction of an axis, place a negative sign before the width of scale for the axis you would like to reverse
 - e.g. -JX0.01/-0.14

Exercise: Compare Sea-level 2

- More on sea-level curves:
 - Plot a graph to the right of the sea-level curve showing spreading rate
 - Plot another graph to the right of that showing ridge length
 - When you plot them, notice that they are not very smooth. Plot the data points from each file as circles to see where the data is located.

Exercise: Three Maps on Page

- Task: Plot a three-map panel vertically on the same page:
 - Each global map should be centered on the Americas
 - Use Hammer, Robinson, and Sinusoidal
 - You choose colors and pens
 - Use crude coastlines and -A10000

Exercise: Australia

- Create the following map:
 - Mercator map of Australia
 - Coastlines as black, continental fill as green and ocean as blue.
 - Rivers plotted
 - Sydney to be plotted as a big red star and Melbourne as a small black circle
 - Annotations every 10 degrees, tickmarks every 1 degree and no gridlines. I only want the annotations and ticks on the Western and Southern borders
 - Title of the map to be “Great Southern Land”

Month Name Formatting

- Month abbreviation selected with parameter
- **TIME_FORMAT_PRIMARY | SECONDARY**
- Result depends on setting of the parameter **TIME_LANGUAGE**

Format	Effect on name
f F Full	January (or JANUARY)
a A Abbreviated	Jan (or JAN)
c C Character	J (or J)

Interval units

Flag	Unit	Description
Y	Year	Plot using all 4 digits
y	Year	Plot using last 2 digits
O	Month	Format annotation using <code>PLOT_DATE_FORMAT</code>
o	Month	Plot as 2-digit integer (1-12)
U	ISO week	Format annotation using <code>PLOT_DATE_FORMAT</code>
u	ISO week	Plot as 2-digit integer (1-53)
r	Gregorian week	7-day stride from start of week (<code>TIME_WEEK_START</code>)
K	ISO weekday	Plot name of weekday (<code>TIME_LANGUAGE</code>)
k	Weekday	Plot as integer (1-7) (<code>TIME_WEEK_START</code>)
D	Date	Format annotation using <code>PLOT_DATE_FORMAT</code>
d	Day	Plot day if month (1-31) or year (1-366) (<code>PLOT_DATE_FORMAT</code>)
R	Day	Same as d, aligned with week (<code>TIME_WEEK_START</code>)
H	Hour	Format annotation using <code>PLOT_CLOCK_FORMAT</code>
h	Hour	Plot as 2-digit integer (0-24)
M	minute	Format annotation using <code>PLOT_CLOCK_FORMAT</code>
m	Minute	Plot as 2-digit integer (0-60)
C	second	Format annotation using <code>PLOT_CLOCK_FORMAT</code>

Using **PLOT_DATE_FORMAT**

- Controls how dates are plotted
- Gregorian calendar:
 - Combine `yyyy` (or `yy`), `mm`, and `dd`
 - For day of year use `yyyy` (or `yy`) and `jjj`
 - Optionally separate items with delimiters
 - `o` instead of `mm` plots month names
- ISO calendar:
 - Use template `yyyy[-]W[-]ww[-]d`
 - `u` instead of `W[-]ww` gives “Week ##”
- Start with leading `-` to avoid leading zeros

Examples of **PLOT_DATE_FORMAT**

- `yyyy-mm-dd` [Default]
- `mm/dd/yy`
- `mmyyyydd`
- `yyyyWxx` – ISO calendar
- `dd/mm-yyyy`
- `o yyyy` – month as name not number

Using **PLOT_CLOCK_FORMAT**

- Controls how time is plotted
- Combine **hh**, **mm**, and **ss**
- For decimals, append **.xxx**
 - Applies to smallest specified unit only
 - Number of **x** indicates desired precision
- Optionally separate items with delimiters
- For 12-hour clocks, append **am**, **AM**, **a.m.**, or **A.M.**
- Start with leading **-** to avoid leading zeros

Examples of **PLOT_CLOCK_FORMAT**

- hh:mm:ss [Default]
- hhmm
- hh:mm:ss.xxx – seconds with decimals
- hha.m. – uses 12 hour clock
- hh

Exercise: Plots with Dates

Task: Plot a single **x**-axis for interval April 1 to May 25, 2000, annotate with month name and the date of the start of each week.

```
gmtset PLOT_DATE_FORMAT -o ANNOT_FONT_SIZE +9p
psbasemap -R2000-4-1T/2000-5-25T/0/1 -JX12T \
-Bpa7Rf1d -Bsa10S -P > plot.ps
```

- Try a different time interval
- Let the **y**-axis be the time axis instead

Exercise: Plots with Dates cont...

Task: Plot a single **x**-axis for interval

September 15 to September 17, 2008,
annotate with 6 hour intervals and the daily
date.

```
gmtset PLOT_CLOCK_FORMAT hh:mm \  
      PLOT_DATE_FORMAT mm/dd  
psbasemap -R2008-9-15T/2008-9-17T/0/1 -JX12T \  
-Bpa6Hf1h -Bsa1DS -P > plot2.ps
```

- Plot the weekday instead of date
- Let the **y**-axis be the time axis instead