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AHELP for CIAO 3.4

## sherpa.multiplot

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### **Synopsis**

Configure appearance of Sherpa plots.

### **Syntax**

sherpa.multiplot.[field]

# Description

The Sherpa configuration variable (also called "state object") sherpa.multiplot controls appearance of plots created by CPLOT, LPLOT , OPLOT and SPLOT .

The following table lists each field of sherpa.multiplot, with a description and the default value:

Field Name	Description		
use_tex_strings	Cause certain characters in labels (e.g., "_") NOT to be interpreted as TeX would $(0 = false, 1 = true)$		
skip_tex_chars	Characters which are NOT to be interpreted as TeX would		
gap	Gap width when two, and only two, plots are created with LPLOT		
clear	Clear ChIPS window before plot command executed $(0 = false, 1 = true)$		
newarea	When plot command creates multiple plots, put each plot in a new drawing area ( $0 = false, 1 = true$ )		
redraw	Redraw after every ChIPS command ( $0 = $ false, $1 = $ true)		
prefunc	User S-Lang function executed before the data is plotted		
postfunc	User S-Lang function executed after the data is plotted		
xfilter_lo	Lower x bound applied to all plots (if NULL, lower bound taken from data)		
xfilter_hi	Upper x bound applied to all plots (if NULL, upper bound taken from data)	NULL	

The fields sherpa.multiplot.prefunc and sherpa.multiplot.postfunc refer to optional user functions that can be applied to plots before and after the plot is created. Please see the ahelp file sherpa-plot-hooks for more information.

# Example 1

Generate plot in a new drawing area.

```
sherpa> sherpa.multiplot.newarea=1
sherpa> LPLOT DATA
```

## Example 2

The sherpa.multiplot settings can be changed at the command line. When assigning a string to a field, the string should be quoted as shown in the second command:

```
sherpa> sherpa.multiplot.gap = 0.2
sherpa> sherpa.multiplot.skip_tex_chars = "%$_"
```

#### **Example 3**

Create an alias smp to sherpa.multiplot and use it.

```
sherpa> variable smp = sherpa.multiplot
sherpa> smp.gap = 0.2
sherpa> smp.skip_tex_chars = "%$_"
```

#### **Example 4**

Use print to obtain the information about the current settings of sherpa.multiplot:

<pre>sherpa&gt; print(sherpa.multiplot)</pre>				
use_tex_strings	=	1		
skip_tex_chars	=	%\$ <u>_</u>		
gap	=	0.1		
clear	=	1		
newarea	=	1		
redraw	=	0		
prefunc	=	NULL		
postfunc	=	NULL		
xfilter_lo	=	NULL		
xfilter_hi	=	NULL		

### Bugs

See the Sherpa bug pages online for an up-to-date listing of known bugs.

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