
Subject: Re: Getting nice printed output
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Joseph Scott Stuart writes:

> I have an IDL 5 program that uses polyline objects to draw orbits of
> bodies in the solar system. Typically, I have a dozen or so objects,
> and each one has 120 vertices. This produces great output on the
> screen, but I'm having quite a bit of trouble getting decent printed
> copy. I can use IDLgrWindow::Read() and write_jpeg to get mediocre
> output, but I'd like to do better. When I use an IDLgrPrinter object
> and produce postscript output, the resulting ps file is about 15 megs.
> The printers and programs like powerpoint die trying to do anything
> with it. Any ideas?

I got a brand new printer today, having been thinking for awhile that my printer problems were related to my extremely reliable, but hopelessly outdated Apple Personal Laserwriter.

This one has 36 MBytes of RAM, and is fast, fast, fast.

Imagine my surprise, then, when I tried to print out a simple little object graphics program as the first "test case". I waited for about 5 minutes before windows started to shut down, my virtual memory was overflowing, and I started getting cryptic error messages from IDL. I finally had to leave to go get the kids. I never did get anything out of the damn printer.

Frankly, I've just about given up on the PRINTER device. :-(

Cheers,

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