Subject: Re: PostScript and IDL,
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In article <356acbf0.0@wltss01.nerc-wallingford.ac.uk>,
  wmc@bsfiles.nerc-bas.ac.uk wrote:
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> In article 100000@tesla.drcmr.dk, root <root@tesla.drcmr.dk> writes:
>> Hi, I'm having problems with PostScript generated by IDL_5.1 on a
>> Linux system -- I expect the problem to be general, though.
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>> In principle, I'd like to use the Live_tools and other procedures
>> (like Insight) that allows easy printing of plots already on screen.
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>> The generated PostScript is, however, rather useless since even the
>> simplest plot generates very large PostScript files. The problem seems
>> to be that the screen buffer is simply copied, rather than redrawing
>> the plot to the printer device. A very large bitmap is therefore
>> written instead of a few PostScript primitives.
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> According to an IDL course I went on a few weeks ago, this is a feature
> of object graphics & you are stuck with it.
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> But if you go back to "direct" graphics you should be OK.
>
> - William
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I am ``stuck'' with PCL with the same problem. The way around it is to print
to a file and then send the file to the printer. For some reason, this
process is much faster for me. The funny thing is that the file is called
idl.ps although it is a .pcl file.

mirko

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