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Hi, I'm having problems with PostScript generated by IDL\_5.1 on a Linux system -- I expect the problem to be general, though.

In principle, I'd like to use the Live\_tools and other procedures (like Insight) that allows easy printing of plots already on screen.

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.

A sad consequence of this is also, that PostScript tools (like PSfrags for LaTeX) won't work.

I wonder, if there is a way to redraw a view generated by a procedure like live\_plot to a direct graphics device? Other suggestions? Any help is appreciated.

Cheers, Lars

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