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Subject: Re: PostScript and IDL,  
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Hi Folks,

It seems this discussion has pricked a number of sympathetic ears at RSI. But the developers who have to make the decisions need help from us as to what we really want. Here is how one developer framed the problem for me:

The big issue for us is what tradeoffs are users willing

will have to give up speed/memory/filesize or WYSIWYG to get the type of PS they are looking for.

What sort of rendering would you be willing to give up to get

individual views are rendered as bitmaps or raw PS depending

about a device which rendered only what is possible with PS (i.e. some objects would disappear completely)?

These are the real issues we are struggling with right now... Any input you have would be helpful.

Immediately after a new release is when the big discussions about what to do next go on. There is a lot of horse trading between marketing and the developers over what is needed and what is possible in the given time frame. This is absolutely the time when users can have the most influence over what happens next. If you have ideas about this or anything else you like/dislike about IDL, this would be a good time to get those fingers working. I should think anyone at [support@rsinc.com](mailto:support@rsinc.com) would be happy to pass your comments along to the appropriate people.

Cheers,

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