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Subject: Re: PostScript and IDL,  
Posted by [woodford](#) on Wed, 27 May 1998 07:00:00 GMT  
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In article <6kgmk7\$a3r\$1@ratatosk.uio.no>, steinh@ulrik.uio.no (Stein Vidar Hagfors Haugan) wrote:

> In my opinion, the PostScript output from object graphics  
> is so lame (both in quality and file size) that it is  
> endangering the whole idea of using object graphics for  
> anything that you may at some point in time want to  
> publish on paper.

I completely agree. I am a Mac Matlab user who is slowly migrating to IDL, in part because of IDL's support of single-precision floating point and in part because of Mathworks' decision to discontinue development of Matlab for the Mac. The primary reason that I am moving slowly is IDL's poor support for postscript output. Want postscript output from Matlab? Set up your figure as you want it, then hit command-s. Want postscript output from IDL? You can jump through hoops with direct graphics, or give up all hope with object graphics.

Paul

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