
Subject: Object Graphics:

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I sent an email to RSI tech-support this morning bemoaning the interface (or lack of) for printing to files under Object Graphics. As things stand, the critically important task of producing non-screen copy is either left to the O/S or done under Direct Graphics. It is my feeling that one should be able to achieve a near-identical postscript version of the screen via a simple interface, viz.

```
p = obj_new('IDLgrPrint', name='test.eps', /eps )
p->draw, myview
p->newdocument
obj_destroy, p
```

In fact, I would go farther and suggest that RSI make it a priority to create an IDLgrFile object that is capable of creating named output files in various common formats: EPS, GIF, TIF, BMP, etc. For example,

```
f = obj_new('IDLgrFile', name='test.gif', /gif, $
           size=[350,200], /interlaced )
f->draw, myview
obj_destroy, f
```

I am sold on object graphics but incredibly frustrated that I cannot create copy as simply as one would expect in a "device-independent" way. Please, if you agree with the above suggestion, email RSI and let them know! (As there is no 'suggestions' address on their contact web page, I'd send email to support@rsinc.com.)

Regards,
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