davidf7203@my-dejanews.com wrote:

> Hi Folks,
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> I wanted to follow up on a discussion last week about
> printing PostScript files on Windows machines. Here is
> the URL to a small freeware utility program named
> PrintFile that I think is terrific. You can set it up
> to be a drag and drop operation, or you can simply
> Spawn the program from within IDL (use the "start"
> command if you are on Windows NT to avoid the program
> blocking the IDL command line).
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>   http://hem1.passagen.se/ptlerup/prfile.html
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> The author of this program, Peter Lerup, also wrote
> the useful PS2EPS program for the Macintosh.
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> Cheers,
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> David
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This is a great program. I just hacked XWINDOW.PRO and PS_FORM.PRO a little
bit to add print buttons which spawn PrintFile. PrintFile in turn spawns
GhostScript and sends the converted file to a non PS printer. This lets me
use all the great features of xwindow to create a predictable postscript
file, as well as printing the file directly to a non postscript printer.
This way I get an immediate hardcopy, and a saved file.I've never had
reliable results with other ways of dumping a plot to a printer without
alot of extra code in my plotting programs.

yippee.