Subject: Device's bits_per_pixel keyword
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I have a program that generates color postscript plots, and I want to make the files

smaller. I have tried :

<P>set_plot, 'PS'

device, bits_per_pixel = 2

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device, /close

<P>but the file generated is only very slightly smaller than when I do not use the

bits_per_pixel keyword. I've also tried bits_per_pixel = 1, 4 and 8, but the file

size change is so very slight (and in some cases larger then when the keyword

is not used).

<P>If anyone has been able to generate considerably smaller postscript files by using

the bits_per_pixel keyword, please let me know how to do that. Thank you.

<P>I'm using IDL 5.1 on an SGI workstation running IRIX 6.5.1.

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