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Subject: New to IDL and having troubles  
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I looked for a FAQ regarding this NG and didn't find one, so I'm going to just jump right in --

I was just introduced to IDL last week and given a few \*.pro files that generated postscript files of graphs from external data files and I was told to modify one of them to display my data -- well, no such luck. I did get to the point of have about 2/3 of one of the plots on my graph. The situation is this -- I have a file with 6 space delimited columns and 126 rows. I want to plot the column 1 vs. column 3 and column 5. Most of the time I'm just getting one axis and maybe the title of the graph in my postscript file.

My boss gave me a few books, including the "Using IDL" manual and I read the chapter on graphing and tried to do some of their examples, but they didn't work for me either!

Now, I'm not new programming (I'm also not a serious programmer, but I can get by) and this is frustrating the heck out of me. Does anybody know what might be wrong?

Thanks for any help you can give

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