Subject: Re: CGM files
Posted by mdwillia on Tue, 09 Nov 1999 08:00:00 GMT

Mark Hadfield <m.hadfield@niwa.cri.nz> writes:
> If you DID have a Postscript printer, then by far the best way would be
> to use
> the IDL PS device to generate EPS output. You can add a TIFF preview, if
> you want, in IDL or with GSview (on Windows) or maybe Ghostview (which I
> haven't used).
> Without a PS printer you don't have too many satisfactory options.
> The CGM device is pretty much useless for importing into Word, as you
> have noted.
> Ideally you want WMF (Windows Metafile) format but IDL does not have a
> WMF driver. (Surely it wouldn't be that hard for them to write one!)

I use PV-WAVE to import plots and graphics into MS-WORD. The CGM
driver, as of version 7.0 of PV-WAVE, works great to produce output
files, with preview, that are perfectly scalable and sizable within
MS-WORD. From both UNIX and Windows. If you are running PV-WAVE
on Windows, then you can use the WMF driver to produce a scalable
metafile that all of the Microsoft Office applications are content
to import and size.

Just the rare $0.02 from a WAVE user on the ol' comp.lang.idl-pvwave.

Regards,
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