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On a similar topic, I'd like to offer the following information. I wanted to be able to include plots generated by IDL to my word documents. Screen dumps of the display window were out of the question as well as GIFs, TIFFs, etc... because their resolution is too crude. I couldn't import PostScript files either because I don't have a Postscript printer. I found that the best way was to generate postscript files and to import them into Corel Draw 9. Once there every single part of the graph is an individual object, which is useful if you have extra manipulations to perform. You could delete the title of an axis, for example, if that's something you needed to do. But the real usefulness is that you can select an arbitrary area of the PostScript page and copy it to the clipboard.

The advantage to me is that I can select one plot with its titles from a multiplot ps file and copy it in the clipboard, go to word and paste it in a table cell. Then I go get another plot and paste it in another cell, etc... This method is very flexible because I can change the layout of the plots on my word document without having to go back to IDL and generate a new PostScript file.

Best of all the printed output looks very good on my 600dpi printer, specially when using true type fonts.

Laurent

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