Subject: Re: Recovery from PostScript file
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In article <85ib48$h5n$1@jura.cc.ic.ac.uk>,
  "Chris Roberts" <c.roberts1@ic.ac.uk> wrote:
> I have a user who generated a PostScript file of his IDL data as a
graph,
> and has now lost his data file. Is there anything sensible I can do
to help
> him recover some of the data from the PostScript file?
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> Thanks.
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First thing that comes to my mind is to convert the postscript file to
a tiff, read it into an array, then scan each column from the bottom
until the x-axis is reached, then count pixels until the data plot is
reached. Of course you'd have to account for axis labels and so forth,
but you could mask those out in an IP program before rasterizing it.
That also wouldn't get the actual data values back, but at least the
shape of the curve is better than nothing.

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