Subject: Re: How to I get IDL postscript files from Sun to Mac?
Posted by chase on Tue, 14 Jun 1994 17:25:39 GMT

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Mike> In article <2t7nt8$in5@news2.aero.org>, mrb@bugs.aero.org ("Mike
Mike> Bacigalupi") writes:
>>> We are running IDL on a Sparc10 Sun Workstation and have created
>>> some really nice color post-script files. The problem is that our
>>> customer wants to include them in a report on a MacIntosh. We
>>> can't seem to get the ps files across correctly.
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>>> FTPing them (even in binary mode) doesn't seem to work to the Mac.
>>> Is there some trick to getting these files over?

Mike> Dan Bergmann writes:

>> I've done this successfully by

>> 1) Creating an encapsulated postscript file on the Sun (use the
>> /encapsulated keyword) 2) FTP it to the Mac in ascii mode (it is an
>> ascii file) 3) Put it into a Microsoft Word document.

We have done this exact procedure many times to include an IDL
encapsulated postscript figure in a MS Word document. It is true that
MS Word only displays an empty box on screen where the picture will
appear, but when printing the IDL figure comes out correctly.

As an aside, we have found that of the many MAC applications we use
none interpret the EPSI format that is produced by the
"DEVICE,/PREVIEW" command in IDL. This produces a device independent
low resolution preview embedded in the postscript file. Our MAC
applications (MS Word, PoswerPoint, Canvas, etc) will only display a
preview on screen if a Macintosh PICT resource number 256 is present
in the encapsulated postscript file.

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