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Subject: Re: Generating color postscript in IDL  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 21 Nov 2000 08:00:00 GMT  
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Randall Skelton (rhskelto@atm.ox.ac.uk) writes:

> I am looking to generate 24 bit color postscript from IDL 5.3. Does  
> anyone know if there is a way to do this? Perhaps I am being overly  
> ambitious with asking for 24 bit... however, I have written all of my  
> color plotting using 24 bit addresses for colors so if I cannot plot  
> directly in 24 bit postscript, how do I go about converting my plots  
> (which look very nice on my display) into a color postscript file.

Oh, oh. Should have used some of those ideas and programs  
in that new book by ol' whatisname. PostScript doesn't do  
24-bit color. :-(

That sample chapter he offers for free might help:

[http://www.dfanning.com/documents/chapter9\\_2nd.pdf](http://www.dfanning.com/documents/chapter9_2nd.pdf)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say that one of \*my\* big things  
is writing device-independent and color-depth  
independent code. But, I have to admit, there  
are days, nay weeks, when I think I'm the only  
one who cares about it. :-(

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