
Subject: Re: beginner's question

Posted by [davidf](#) on Tue, 26 Dec 2000 19:26:23 GMT

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David (dgallego@eucmos.sim.ucm.es) writes:

- > I'm working with IDL 5.2 (PC) plotting maps of geographical variables
- > (pressure, etc.). I would like to know if it is possible to save the
- > graphical output to a vectorial file (such as EPS, Illustrator, WMF).
- > Currently I can save the work in TIFF or JPG.

You can certainly create encapsulated PostScript output.

There is no Illustrator output, but in IDL 5.4 you can now create WMF format files. (At least on Windows machines, I don't know if this is available in UNIX. Anyone?)

I like to use the PSConfig program you can find on my web page to get the PostScript "page" set up appropriately. For example, if I want to draw an encapsulated plot on A4 paper, I would do something like this:

```
keywords = PSConfig(/European, /Encapsulated, Cancel=cancelled)
IF NOT cancelled THEN BEGIN
  thisDevice = !D.Name
  Set_Plot, 'PS'
  Device, _Extra=keywords
  Plot, mydata
  Device, /Close_File
  Set_Plot, thisDevice
ENDIF
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Cheers,

David

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