
Subject: Re: beginner's question

Posted by [William Daffer](#) on Tue, 26 Dec 2000 17:10:18 GMT

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You can save plots to a postscript file, (set_plot,'ps' then call device,keywords = values to configure the postscript device with keywords xsize, ysize, xoffset, yoffset, bits_per_pixel, filename, color, inches, encapsulated and landscape: I think that's all of them) but if you are representing your data as an image of some sort, i.e. you're doing a TV or TVSCL to put the data into your plot, it won't save you all that much, particularly in the size of the file. If you're using plot,oplot or plots to get the data onto the plot, you'll benefit from using the Postscript device.

See David Fanning's tutorial on making postscript plots.

<http://www.dfanning.com/documents/tips.html#PostScript>

He has a very nice program called PS_FORM.pro (although he recently seemed to want to disavow any knowledge of it, I think it's quite good) that you can use to configure your Postscript device by presenting a widget in which all the pertinent keywords are configurable, although it may not work in IDL 5.2, you'll just have to give it a try and see.

"David" <dgallego@eucmos.sim.ucm.es> writes:

- > Hi all.
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- > 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.
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- > Thanks in advance.
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- > David
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Outside of a dog a book is man's best friend.

Inside of a dog it's too dark to read

Groucho Marx
