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Subject: ps export/import

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Hi all,

after struggling with this for ages and a whole day, I finally figured out a way to import ps files generated with IDL into word processing software such as StarOffice or Word. The trouble came because

(a) I usually don't generate postscript with /ENCAPSULATE in IDL, so my files are missing the EPSF-3.0 label in the first line

(b) I generate a lot of landscape plots which come out rotated in IDL ps.

as a brave guy (but only after browsing through newsgroup archives ;-), I decided it should be possible to delete the rotate statement in the ps file without destroying the file. Turns out one has to delete a few more things as well: all bounding boxes, the page orientation and a translate statement. If, thereafter, the honored user sends the crippled file through ps2epsi (viva Unix ;-)) she will have a perfect encapsulated file including a preview image.

Attached is a small shell script which automates this process:

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psfix filename [outfilename]
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If outfilename is not given it will be the basefilename of filename + '.eps'

Good night,

Martin

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#!/bin/sh
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# shell script to fix postscript files that were generated in IDL
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# with landscape orientation to create epsi files that can be
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# imported into StarOffice
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# Author: Martin Schultz, MPI, 04 Jan 2001
# The output file will be <filename>.eps unless otherwise specified
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# check arguments
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```
if [ .$1. == .. ] ; then
    echo Usage: psfix inputfile [outputfile]
    exit
else
    infile=$1
fi
echo Converting $infile
```

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if [ ! -s $infile ] ; then
    echo Input file $infile not found!
    exit
fi
```

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if [ .$2. == .. ] ; then
    outfile=`basename $infile .ps`.eps
else
    outfile=$2
fi
echo generating EPS file $outfile
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# remove bounding box and orientation statements
sed 's/%%BoundingBox:.*//' $infile > tmp___001.ps
sed 's/%%PageOrientation: Landscape//' tmp___001.ps > tmp___002.ps
rm -f tmp___001.ps
sed 's/%%PageBoundingBox:.*//' tmp___002.ps > tmp___003.ps
rm -f tmp___002.ps
```

```
# remove rotate and translate statements
sed 's/[0-9 ]*translate//' tmp___003.ps > tmp___004.ps
rm -f tmp___003.ps
sed 's/[0-9 ]*rotate//' tmp___004.ps > tmp___005.ps
rm -f tmp___004.ps
```

```
# convert to epsi
ps2epsi tmp___005.ps
rm -f tmp___005.ps
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```
# rename
mv tmp___005.epsi $outfile
rm -f tmp___005.epsi
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## File Attachments

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1) [psfix](#), downloaded 141 times

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