Subject: Re: IDL WRITE_PICT --> Macintosh PICT???
Posted by Geoff.Sobering on Thu, 09 Jun 1994 15:41:16 GMT

In article <Cr3Ant.IJL@ra.nrl.navy.mil>, nicholas@dsuap1 (Andy Nicholas)
wrote:

> Does anyone know a simple way to convert files generated by the IDL
> WRITE_PICT command? I have been doing this in Photoshop but now I need
> to do this to 200+ files. Anyone know a batch mode way to do this?

We use the Macintosh FTP client 'fetch' to do the job. We use 'fetch's
"Suffix Mapping" feature to set the Mac file-type to 'PICT' for every UNIX
file with the extension '.pict'. This allows Mac programs to recognize the
PICT files for what they are.

One caveat, we have seen some problems with fancy color-tables. Some Mac
applications (PowerPoint) mis-read the IDL PICT file's color-tables. At
present, our "solution" for problem-files is to open and save the programs
with the "NIH Image" program (which can open multiple files at a time).

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