
Subject: Re: ps export/import

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"Richard G. French" <rfrench@wellesley.edu> wrote:

> Just tried this out and it works like a champ. Only problem is that
> METAFILE is not supported in the UNIX version of IDL, so if you are
> using UNIX, you are out of luck.

There is an old ISO standard for a graphics metafile called CGM, computer graphics metafile. It can contain both vector and raster graphics. The IDL interface is `set_plot`, "cgm" and you should follow it by calling `device` with those keywords you need for that application.

At least vector gaphics - that's what I use - are supported by Word and many other programs. I'm not so familiar with the Unix world so it depends on the programs you use there.

Norbert
