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Subject: Re: thumbnails

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On Mon, 5 Mar 2001 19:14:52 -0700, David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote:

> steve (nobody@nowhere.com) writes:

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>> So, Liam, David, ... , is this the best I can do? Would the IDL routines do

>> a vectorized version of the lineart, or just bitmaps? Thanks again for the

>> tips so far ...

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> I think bitmap is the best we can hope for in the

> present incarnation. :-(

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> Cheers,

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> David

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As I suspected, thanks for confirming that. As long as I'm talking to a guru: is there an image format I can use that will display nice in say, powerpoint, and also produce nice postscript output? I write all my routines to display to my X display (in Linux) and then I switch to the PS device and send everything to a .ps file, making some minor adjustments for special cases (like bitmapped images mixed with line-art). This makes very nice postscript output, but now I'm trying to fix what should not need to be fixed: I'm taking a scalable format (postscript) and producing a non-scalable thumbnail (bitmap) for display. I don't want to just dump my X display to a bitmap format like tiff, gif, jpeg. Since I'm using a \*nix-like system, is there something else I should be doing? I'm a little afraid of things like Windows Meta File, since Win-xx usually makes postscript a real chore, and actually, I don't see it in my IDL help. Any suggestions?

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