"R.Aspey" <raspey@liv.ac.uk> writes:

> I am looking at using IDL to publish some pictures in a
> TeX document. Lets say I have data sets in either
> CSV or tab delimited.
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> Can I produce postscript oe EPS files directly and
> if so does anyone have a srcipt they could send me
> with most of the stuff in to save me having to read manuals..
>
> What is the default data file format used for ascii import using IDL?
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> A few things but I dont really want to spend my life
> learning things I may only use once every now and then
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> Any comments would be very much appreciated.
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> regards
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On my browsable library catalogue http://www.mpimet.mpg.de/~schultz.martin/idl
you will find several tools for reading ASCII files and also some for postscript
output. Producing postscript in IDL is very easy, but can also become quite
tricky. It's easy as long as you don't care too much about landscape vs.
portrait and where your bounding box sits. But if you want to control these
things, it might take a good part of your life ;-(I'd recommend David's
fsc_psconfig program -- I still can't understand that he is so shy in
advertising it. .. OK, there have been a few bugs in the past, but I am
convinced they are fixed now.

Cheers,

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