Subject: Re: how to save the xobjview image into a file IN COLOR ?
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Pavel Romashkin wrote:

> David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
> news:MPG.164cdbff68d2a47198974a@news.frii.com...
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>> Sure enough, out of my printer
>> comes a gray-scale plot. OK, try the file
>> thing. I used an Apple Postscript color driver.
>> Sure enough, that showed up in color when viewed
>> in Ghostview. Humm. Try printing again to my
>> Inkjet. What!? Now it's in color!
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>> Very, very strange.
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> I can not help, but I can sympathize.
> Just a couple of days ago I sent a postscript file, looking perfectly in
> GhostView and Illustrator, to a PS printer. The printer (in fact, a high
> speed copier) was on the third floor, I am on the second. And the damn
> printer is *really* fast. By the time I got there about 200 pages of were
> out, and in those 10 s it took me to realize something was fishy, at least
> another 50 came out. I frantically reset the printer, which was printing...
> all my 10 Mb PS file in ASCII.
> Oh well. Now I have enough scratch paper for myself for a year and for David
> to finish the objects book.
> BTW, the same file printed fine the next time. Computers, you know.
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> Cheers,
> Pavel

If you still have the postcript file, take a look at it in a text viewer, many
times I've seen Windows postcript drivers insert PCL comands into the first
few lines of a PS file, trying to 'set' the printer to PS mode. Our HP
printers toggle on / off PCL commands, so if you print one of these files
while the printer is in PS-mode, it kicks it into PCL-mode and prints the
pages and pages of the text of the postcript file. Ghostview ignores these
commands, and will display the file correctly. My guess is that the printer
was left in an unusual state from a previous print job and that's why it
prints fine later. I've always had problems with postcript and Windows, were
the files created on a WindowsXX system? My fix was (is) to open the ps file
in a text editor (vi) and dd those 3-4 lines, then things print fine. I've
also seen that color can come or go depending on the printer / printer driver
you use. It seems postcript is only a standard in theory, in practice it seems
highly device dependent!