
Subject: Re: Two-page PostScript output

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David Shadovitz wrote:

> I'd be thrilled if anyone could help on this one...
>
> I'm trying to write a two-page PostScript file, with one image per
> page. The following code almost works; it writes both images
> superimposed on one page.
>
> Set_Plot, 'PS', /Copy
> Device, filename='C:\file1.ps'
> for ilmage=0,1 do begin
> Contour, imageData(ilmage), ...
> endfor
> Device, /Close
>
> Device has an Output keyword which lets you specify device-specific
> commands, and thought that I could use that to force a page break. So I
> added this line right after the call to Contour:
>
> if (ilmage eq 0) then Device, Output='{ gsave} { showpage} { grestore} {
> newpath}'
>
> I got those PS commands from a multi-page PS file created outside of
> IDL. But that did not work.
>
> So, how do I put a page break into a PostScript file?

Use the ERASE procedure. For example, the following creates a two page PS file:

```
set_plot, 'PS'  
plot, indgen(10)  
erase  
contour, dist(32)  
device, /close
```

Cheers,
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