
Subject: Re: color_quan(...., Cube=6) makes white white, but ...
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Tue, 30 Apr 2002 23:44:52 GMT
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"Steve Smith<steven_smith>" <nobody@nowhere.com> wrote in message
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> I'm speculating that perhaps the thing to do is create a postscript
> document by printing the Word document to a file (and massaging out
> the non-postscript commands WinXX sticks in) and converiting that
> directly to PDF.

Yes. I tried this yesterday and confirmed that this works. I created
an IDL EPS file, added a preview with GSview, imported it into Word,
printed the Word document to a file via a Windows Postscript printer
driver and then processed the resulting PS file using an automated
convertor we have here. (It uses Adobe Distiller, I think.) No need to
massage the PS file. Result: PDF document with nice vector diagram.

> Unfortunately, it doesn't fix the original problem: I need to give a
> figure that can be inserted into Word by a colleauge.

Hhmmm. Yes, this is a problem, Some possibilities:

- I used to have a third-party Word graphics filter that imported
Postscript in vector form. It's no longer available, however, and
your colleague is unlikely to have it installed in any case.
- Pstoedit can convert EPS to WMF or EMF. Unfortunately it doesn't
handle Postscript "image" elements, so it is of limited use.
- = Corel Draw? Adobe Illustrator? I think both of these can import
EPS and export in various Word-friendly vector formats. They cost
serious money, though.
- When I flirted with Linux a few months ago I noticed that Linux
word processors could import EPS files. (This is a mixed blessing, I
might add, as complicated diagrams can slow down display badly.)
Perhaps there's one that imports EPS and exports Word?

Good luck.

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