Subject: Re: Low quality with 'IDLgrClipboard' object Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 20 May 2002 00:59:01 GMT

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Georg Wiora (georg.wiora@daimlerchrysler.com) writes:

- > I tried to draw an IDLgrPlot object to an IDLgrClipboard object using
- > OClip->draw,oPlot,VECTOR=1

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- > The clipboard contained an EMF/WMF graphics after that operation. But with the clipboard viewer and after inserting this object
- > into a graphics program, it looked quite blocky with big pixels. Obviously it was not inserted as a vector graphics, but as a
- > scalable bitmap.

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- > Is that a documentation problem or am i using wrong parameters? The documentation says, that the graphics is converted to vector
- > primitives, but it does not look like that.
- > Increasing the resolution of the Clipboard object does only create finer lines, but not a higher resolution result.

I don't know what might be going wrong. I added the ability to make encapsulated PostScript files to XPLOT this morning. I deliberately set the resolution to 300 DPI, which is *way* too high for the display, although most of the programs I put it in (Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Photoshop) seemed to be able to resize it well enough. But it printed beautifully and looked nice on the display. I certainly don't see any big, blocky pixels.

I tried it with Windows Enhanced Metafile, too. Didn't look as good on the display, but it also printed OK.

Here is the relevant code:

filename = Dialog_Pickfile(/Write, File='xplot.eps')
IF filename NE " THEN BEGIN

; Get the dimensions and units of the output window.

info.thisWindow->GetProperty, Dimensions=theDimensions, \$
 Units=curUnits

- ; Create a clipboard with the same dimensions and units.
- ; Set the resolution to 300 DPI for high-resolution printing.

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clipboard = Obj_New('IDLgrClipboard', Dimensions=theDimensions, $
Resolution = [0.146991, 0.146991], Units=curUnits, Quality=2)

; Draw PostScript vector output.

clipboard->Draw,info.plotView, Filename=filename, $
//vector, /PostScript

; Clean-up.

Obj_Destroy, clipboard

You can find XPLOT here:
http://www.dfanning.com/xplot.pro

Cheers,

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