
Subject: Re: PostScript Dump

Posted by [rouse](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 1994 23:23:26 GMT

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|>
|>Ken Ganga (ganga@physics23) wrote:
|>: Hello,
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|>: I got such swift and helpful advice last time I posted here that I
|>: thought I'd try again.
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|>: I am working on a program in which I have a single plot that changes a
|>: lot. If I like the plot at a certain point, I would like to be able to
|>: make a postscript file of the plot as it stands. That is, I would like
|>: to be able to get an initial graph, muck around with it a bit, then
|>: dump whatever is in the plot at the moment to a postscript file. Just
|>: a dump to a postscript file. Using SET_PLOT, 'PS' won't work because I
|>: would like to see what I am doing to the plot. I seem to be able to
|>: dump the graph in sun rasterfile format with WRITE_SRF (and I can even
|>: convert it with XV or whatever), but I would like to be able to make a
|>: postscript file completely within IDL.
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|>: Thanks for any help,
|>
|>: Ken
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You could do it by using JOURNAL. Turn JOURNAL on make your plot, turn JOURNAL off, edit the journal file leaving only the plot commands you want, do the SET_PLOT and DEVICE combination, execute the journal file using the @ syntax, do DEVICE,/CLOSE.

Save the journal file as a permanent record of your plot commands.

E.g.:

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journal, 'plotcmds'  
plot,.....
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