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Subject: Re: switching PS device from color to b/w?  
Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Wed, 26 Jun 2002 16:02:19 GMT  
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David Fanning wrote:

[stuff deleted]

> And, remember, in PostScript you can have any color background  
> you want, as long as it is white. But that is a discussion  
> for another day. :-)

To set the background color, my IMDISP procedure uses code similar to the following:

```
x = [-0.01, 1.01, 1.01, -0.01, -0.01]  
y = [-0.01, -0.01, 1.01, 1.01, -0.01]  
polyfill, x, y, /normal, color=background
```

where the variable "background" is an index in the color table. This is the only way I know of to reliably set the background color on all IDL direct graphics devices. The source for IMDISP is available at

[http://www.gumley.com/PIP/Free\\_Software.html](http://www.gumley.com/PIP/Free_Software.html)

Cheers,

Liam.

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