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Subject: IDL generates PS file that prints slow  
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Dear IDL-programmers,

I am frustrated with IDL because it generates PostScript files that prints out very slow. Are there anybody having the same experience?

A very simple code to test this problem:

```
set_plot, 'ps'  
x = randomu(s, 20000)  
y = randomu(s, 20000)  
PLOT, x, y, PSYM=1  
device, /close  
spawn, 'lpr idl.ps'
```

This script will generate a PS file of about 200KB, but it will take more than 30 minutes to print it out in a Sparc Printer. Normally, the Sparc printer will take only 2 minutes to print out a file of 200 KB.

Can any one tell me what could be the problem? Could it be that IDL generates low efficiency PostScript files?

Thanks a lot, and Merry Christmas!

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