In article <3f3i0u$2tg@post.gsfc.nasa.gov>, thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov (William Thompson) writes:
|> spencer@jhs.nrl.navy.mil (John Spencer) writes:
|> >I'm trying to make a color postscript file from IDL version
|> >{ mipseb IRIX 3.5.1} on an SGI running Irix 5.2.
|> >IDL> set_plot,'PS'   ; turn on postscript
|> >IDL> device,/color   ; enable color (RM: 3-31)
|> >IDL> loadct,12   ; load a color table
|> [snip]
|> >This, plus my inability to find a color table that makes colors
|> >come out in any postscript reader/printer I have, leads me to
|> >believe I'm confused. Can someone help?
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|> I don't understand this second question. If you say DEVICE,/COLOR and
|> LOADCT,12 you should be able to create a color PostScript file that is then
|> compatible with any color PS printer you might have. Most PostScript viewers
|> such as ghostview or xpsview should also be capable of showing you the colors.
|> Maybe you can clarify the second part of your question.
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|> Bill Thompson
Thanks to Walter Gross (wally@halfhalt),
Joseph B. Gurman (gurman@uvsp.gsfc.nasa.gov), and
thompson@orpheus.nascom.nasa.gov (William Thompson) for responding. However, using

IDL> device,bits=8,/color

makes no difference. Bill, all I meant by the second part is that I've tried
a color postscript printer, ghostview, xpsview, and grepping the idl.ps
file directly. The information just isn't there. In this particular case,
I wasn't trying to get a fancy image with false colors, but I would like to
do that in the future. I'm really not interested in storing an image and
converting it to PS, but I could, I guess.

thanx
john