
Subject: Re: Publication-quality plots

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 02 Jun 2004 15:15:36 GMT

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Kristian Kjørlund wrote:

> How do people get nice pictures in MS-word files?

Hello,

I produce PostScript files from IDL, then use the unix epstool utility to create an encapsulated PS file with a low-resolution TIFF preview. I insert the eps file into my word document. It looks like crap on screen but, like DF mentioned in another post in this thread, the trick is not to look at the graphics until they've been printed! :o)

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> To produce text with publication-quality plots in it, the best, surely,

> is to write postscript files from IDL and insert them in LATEX.

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> However, various constraints mean that often I have to write the text in

> MS-word.

> Then it works to insert eps-files and print on a postscript printer, but

> on the screen you see at best a preview of the graphic.

It really doesn't matter what the graphics look like onscreen in MSWord.

If it's any consolation, I just had a paper accepted at a journal where they *couldn't* print out MSword docs containing eps graphics with embedded previews! The first time they brought it up, they mentioned the graphics looked quite crappy (my word). I explained it all to them and, in the end, just ended up sending larger sized hardcopies to them for them to take pictures of.

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