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Subject: Re: Q: Encapsulated Postscript - Mac vs. Unix  
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Plots on the Mac that I make with Igor program from WaveMetrics are viewed by Word or Word Perfect or Canvas and printed just fine. So MacOS is not to blame I think. However, eps format plots that were made in IDL could not be read into WP/Word and Canvas would not display them even though it will print them. RSI support person first advised to use /preview keyword, but it didn't make any difference. Then I got the following response. It didn't help me since I cannot insert the plot into WP or Word - these programs do not recognize the document as eps. See if it helps you.  
-Elena

The following is a description of how another user successfully imported a encapsulated postscript file into word perfect. Be sure you use the encapsulated keyword to device and that you close the device. My original suggestion to use the preview keyword may actually have caused a problem. This particular user found that by omitting this keyword he was able to successfully import the file.

- 1) create the IDL plot using just set\_plot,'ps'
  - 2) insert the plot into the WP document using the "graphic on disk" option
  - 3) ignore the WP message "graphic contains info for Postscript plotters only." WP does bring the plot into the WP document, but you don't see it on your screen. (the preview keyword to device does NOT solve this problem, and should not be used, because files created with the preview keyword won't print in step 4, below)
  - 4) send the WP document to a Postscript printer, at which time both the text and the graphic print out just fine.
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