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Subject: The answer: overcome postscript transparency ?  
Posted by [Klemens Barfus](#) on Mon, 23 Aug 2004 09:37:30 GMT  
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Hello together,

Sometimes the solution to your problem is sitting next to you - but not on Saturdays, when I posted the first message :-)

The transparency was created by the ghostview anti aliasing algorithm and not by the IDL program. Changing the display settings in ghostview or displaying the postscript in Photoshop determined the -transparency- .

Klemens

Klemens Barfus wrote:

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> Hello David,  
> there seems to be the possibility for transparency in postscript plots.  
> Googling I found something called the alpha transparency described for  
> example in  
> www.tinaja.com/glib/alphadem.pdf  
> The question is now: is there keyword in IDL to change these  
> transparency ? Or do I have to change / can I change the transparency in  
> the postscript file, when I open it with the text editor ?  
> Searching for the word alpha in the postscript file, I have not found it.  
> - by the way: I use IDL Version 5.2.1 -  
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> Thanks for your help !  
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> Klemens  
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> David Fanning wrote:  
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>> Klemens Barfus writes:  
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>>> is there any chance to overcome the transparency of postscript plots.  
>>> Making a 3 dimensional plot, the post script output looks bad because  
>>> of the transparency of the -poly- filled areas. But I do not know in  
>>> advance, which areas have to be plotted because they can be seen in  
>>> the completed plot. Otherwise, the same plot in tif format looks bad  
>>> even if I scale up the window to 2400 x 2400 pixel, espacially the  
>>> font, but the lines, too.  
>>> -working with direct graphics-  
>>> Any suggestions ?  
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>> As far as I know, there is no "transparency" in PostScript  
>> output. If you are having problems with this, it is probably due to  
>> the order in which things are being  
>> drawn. Can we see some code? A picture of a plot?  
>> Something that might give us a clue?  
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>> Cheers,  
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>> David  
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