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Subject: Re: Directing a plot directly to PNG file  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 30 Sep 2004 09:09:40 GMT  
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Jan R. Andersen writes:

- > I want to create a contour plot and output it directly to a PNG file
- > instead of to the screen. In gnuplot this is done simply by the
- > commands
- > set terminal PNG
- > set output "somefilename.png"
- >
- > A plot is then sent to the file instead of to the screen.
- >
- > I have found no way to do this in IDL. Does anybody have an idea?

If I didn't want to see it on the screen, I would draw  
it in a pixmap or Z-grahics buffer. Something like  
this would work:

```
Window, /Pixmap
Contour, ....
ok = TVRead(/PNG, /NoDialog, Filename='mycontour')
WDelete, !D.Window
```

You can find TVREAD here:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/tvread.pro>

Cheers,

David

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