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Subject: Re: Problems when printing ps plots from C  
Posted by [Karl Schultz](#) on Thu, 02 Dec 2004 23:04:03 GMT  
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On Thu, 02 Dec 2004 10:39:22 -0800, Juan I. Cicuendez wrote:

> David Fanning <davidf@dfanning.com> wrote in message  
news:<MPG.1c18bf681ea8afd0989891@news.frii.com>...  
>> Juan I. Cicuendez writes:  
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>>> I am using callable IDL from C without any graphical window and I  
>>> found problems when trying to output the plot in postscript format (I  
>>> am use object graphics) to create the plot. So far, I get a plot with  
>>> the correct axis, polylines but all the fonts are missing. I also try  
>>> to change the IDLgrFonts from Helvetica to one of the vector fonts but  
>>> in this case nothing is drawn. I am using a IDLgrClipboard object to  
>>> convert the IDLgrView object into a postscript file.  
>>>  
>>> Has anyone bumped into a similar problem? Any ideas?  
>>  
>> Yes, but IDL 6.1.1 cleared it up. What version are you  
>> using?  
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>> Cheers,  
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>> David  
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> Ok, I am using IDL 6.0. Any workaround?

Although this symptom does look suspiciously like the problem David is referring to, I don't think it is your problem because you are using IDL 6.0.

I would guess that your C program is running in an environment that does not have the IDL\_DIR environment variable set. The IDL routines you are calling cannot find the fonts because this environment variable is not set and they have no idea where to look. Try setting IDL\_DIR to the IDL installation directory.

Karl

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