
Subject: Re: Importing IDL plots to Powerpoint on Mac
Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 15:34:10 GMT
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wcramer wrote:

> What's the best way to transfer IDL plots to Powerpoint so that they
> look nice? All of the ways that I've tried so far don't look very
> presentable.

I create PS output - that seems to produce the nicest output in IDL. I then use the ImageMagick utility "convert" to create a gif/png file from the PS file. These image files I then import into ppt. Or stick them on a webpage. Works well - and you can do it all in your IDL code via the SPAWN command.

The onscreen fonts in IDL are too primitive to do a straight screen capture (e.g. via IDL's tvread or ImageMagick's import) to an image file (although I don't think that's necessarily an IDL problem).

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