Subject: Re: Anything in IDL like R's Copy to Clipboard As a Metafile?
Posted by David Fanning on Thu, 06 Apr 2006 20:09:27 GMT
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Earl F. Glynn writes:

> I'm new to IDL and I'm looking for functionality that works well in R.
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> With any R graphic, I can click on "File" and select Copy to Clipboard and
> then select "As a Metafile" or "As a Bitmap". Usually the Metafiles work
> great when pasted into Word documents.
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> Did I miss something in the IDL documentation about a quick and easy way to
> get IDL graphics into Word (of course, Alt-PrintScreen does work, but it's a
> bit crude). The only solution I see now is to create a graphic file and
> then import it back into Word, which will be quite tedious compared with
> what R provides.

This can be done crudely with the (very) old program, Clipboard,
described in this article:

   http://www.dfanning.com/tips/clipboard.html

I see there are new keywords now for the clipboard object
DRAW method that will allow enhanced metafile output.
Such a thing could easily be added to the program, although
the fundamental restriction is that the "thing" being drawn
is a screen dump of the graphics window, as an image. So you
have all the normal resolution issues with that.

Absent the new keywords you might choose to add, I believe
the image is put into Windows applications as a bitmap.

Cheers,

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