
Subject: Re: IDL's EPS thumbnail image

Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 1995 07:00:00 GMT

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soc@festival.ed.ac.uk (Stephen O'Connell) wrote:

> Hi,

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> I use EPS files quite regularly, and the more files I generate, the more
> annoyed I become. This is because the thumbnail image contained in the
> .eps file is not supported by any of the packages I use - in particular
> the windows eps filter which is used for word and my dvi viewer.

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For Word for Windows you need a preview image in TIFF or WMF (Windows metafile format) format. Preview images in either format can be added by GSView (<ftp://ftp.cs.wisc.edu/ghost/rjl>). This program is a Windows front-end to the Ghostscript Postscript interpreter (<ftp://ftp.cs.wisc.edu/ghost/aladdin>).

WMF previews support colour, but there are various problems, eg if they are too large the Word PS filter crashes! So I use TIFF 4.

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