
Subject: Re: IDL eps outpt converted to png for MS PowerPoint

Posted by [mchinand](#) on Fri, 28 Apr 2006 16:36:17 GMT

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In article <1146239004.877303.193340@u72g2000cwu.googlegroups.com>,
<newbie16@hotmail.com> wrote:

> Hi All:

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> Recently I found myself having to convert *a lot* of eps figures I
> created using IDL into png format for a PowerPoint presentation. Well,
> this was kinda a pain to do, so I wrote a couple of small BASH shell
> scripts to ease the whole process. I provide below:

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> (1) A small README file

> (2) "idl2ppt.sh" the main workhorse

> (3) "make_runall.sh" calls idl2ppt.sh to make many png files

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> Please note that they work for a Linux workstation where ImageMagick's

> "convert" funtion is installed.

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> I hope someone finds these useful!

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> Cheers,

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Thanks for the script. For line graphs/plots I usually use the following additional options for
'convert':

+negate -transparent black

these options will make the black lines white and make the background transparent. I find this
useful when

using a dark background in Powerpoint. Also, I think the Powerpoint versions from Office XP and
newer will

display EPS files properly on the Windows.

--Mike

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