Subject: Re: How to Get Started with the Z-Buffer
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In article <1166557284.886392.124780@n67g2000cwd.googlegroups.com>,
rchughes@gmail.com wrote:

> Before I started to incorporate the Z buffer I was writing it straight
> to the postscript device like you suggested (it is much easier I must
> say) but for some reason I can't run it in the cron because IDL needs
> access to X Windows. I don't know why. I thought IDL might need Xwin
> to plot so after reading several posts on this newsgroup it pointed me
> towards using the Z buffer. So I've tried to have all the plots write
> to the Z buffer before sending it to either Xwin or Postscript but
> current attempts have been unsuccessful.

If you really do need an X display, then this page will give some
tips on how to do that from a cron job

   http://idl.tamu.edu/mactips/headless_X.php

The page is aimed at Mac OS X users, but it should work for most
current versions of X Windows on other OSes.

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