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Subject: Re: How to Get Started with the Z-Buffer  
Posted by [rchughes](#) on Tue, 19 Dec 2006 19:41:24 GMT

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> For starters, why are you fooling around with the Z-buffer  
> at all? Just write the darn thing into a PostScript file  
> to begin with.

The reason I am using the Z buffer is because the routine that I took it from either displays the plots in an X window on the screen or creates a postscript file. Creating the postscript file is just an option that I have included in the routine.

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.

Would you still suggest to send it straight to postscript?

Thanks,  
Ryan.

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