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Subject: Re: Importing IDL Postscript output into Windows apps

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Liam Gumley <liamg@ssec.wisc.edu> wrote:

> Recent postings mentioned ps2epsf, a ghostscript/netpbm front-end  
> Unix script for converting IDL postscript output into an encapsulated  
> form that could be read by Windows applications (e.g. Word for Windows).  
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> After finding ps2epsf (it's not easy!), I went through the process  
> of installing ghostscript and netpbm, and then testing ps2epsf.  
> I can report that after 2 frustrating days I still cannot produce  
> an encapsulated postscript file that Word for Windows 6.0 will  
> import and print correctly (I know the WfW6.0 import filter is not the  
> greatest, but we contacted MS, and got a "Sorry, you're outta luck" response).  
>  
> So if anyone has a \*simple\* procedure for importing IDL postscript  
> graphics into Word for Windows 6.0, I would very much like to hear from  
> you. By the way, I know there are several ways to do this on the Macintosh,  
> but alas I do not have a Mac - just a Unix box (where I run IDL), and a PC  
> (where I do word processing).  
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> Also, if you are listening RSI, \*please\* add this functionality to the next  
> release of IDL. It is a major barrier which stops people adopting IDL as  
> their sole visualization package (that's the case here anyway).  
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> Cheers,  
> Liam.  
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Maybe I missed something, but isn't there a /encapsulated key word for  
the PostScript device driver in IDL? Does this still not help with  
WfW6.0??

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