Subject: Importing IDL Postscript output into Windows apps
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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).

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).

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).

Cheers,
Liam.