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Subject: Re: Producing graphics without screen display

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Gras Regis <gras@cepax2.observ-gr.fr> wrote:

> Is there a way to produce graphics (e.g. in postscript) without displaying  
> anything on the screen?

You forgot to mention what operating system you are using: IDL uses environment variables on Unix and VMS and checks for "IDL\_DEVICE". If found it passes that string as parameter to SET\_PLOT.

Example:

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setenv IDL_DEVICE ps
or
export IDL_DEVICE=ps
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If don't know if IDL for Windows behaves the same or searches the ini-file.

Nevertheless IDL will print some lines into the log file which is usually allocated to the screen. I haven't found a "quiet" option to suppress that. Is there such a feature?

> Sincerely yours.

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