
Subject: Re: Using Postscript & Colours in IDL
Posted by [Norbert Hahn](#) on Mon, 28 Jan 2008 10:08:47 GMT
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chloesharrocks@gmail.com wrote:

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> Hi
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> I'm new to IDL and the concept of postscript, so this is probably a
> really naive question, but I'm having difficulties with getting my
> postscript plots to be in colour. An extract of my code is below:
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> =====
> device, decomposed=0 ;specify I'm using Indexed Colors
> loadcolors ;loads graphics colors
[snip]
> entry_device = !d.name
> set_plot, 'PS'
> device, /color, /landscape, font_size=12, filename='FullScatterPlot' +
> STRTRIM(N, 1) + 'runs.ps'
```

I don't know the side effects of changing the graphics device, so
I usually use the following setup in a fixed sequence.

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1st   set_plot                ; select device
2nd   device, decomposed=0, /color, .... ; set device properties
3rd   ... more device options      ; set page properties
4th   loadcolors                 ; set color for next page
5th   ... more setup              ; more setup for page
6th   ... setup for first plot
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HTH
Norbert
