
Subject: Re: Postscript device weirdness

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 14:14:22 GMT

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nathan12343 writes:

> I was wondering if someone could explain to me why the postscript
> device behaves in a certain particularly strange way. I've been
> trying to size and position a plot for print-out using the following
> code, which will leave the offsets incorrectly set as their default
> values:
>
> device,filename='plot.ps',/inches,xoffset=3,yoffset=2,xsize= 5,ysize=5
>
> When I print out the postscript file, the plot sits on the bottom left
> corner of the page, as if I hadn't set the xoffset and yoffset
> keywords at all. However, the following code works fine:
>
> device,filename='plot.ps',/inches,xsize=5,ysize=5,xoffset=2, yoffset=3
>
> What I'm wondering is why on earth the device procedure cares about
> the order of the parameters. I'm not aware of any other IDL
> procedures that behave this way. Is there some reason why it does, or
> is it some kind of bug in IDL 6.3?

I don't have IDL 6.3 installed anymore, but I think your
office mate is playing some kind of prank on you. :-)

Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
