Subject: How to print from an iTool? In color.
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Hi,

My previous post today to this newsgroup showed me suffering from an M.C.Escher-like brainfade, and I hope it's happening in this case too.

How on earth does one print to a local printer, in color, from an iTool? In this case, iSurface?

I keep getting this xprinter thingo that lists a bzillion different printers EXCEPT the one I have. Printing to a file is the obvious answer (the xprinter.eps) but there's no color.

And the quality of the PS output that I can get in xprinter.eps is deplorable (all pixel-y). And it appears the plots to file are all bitmaps by default (and even when I specifically set the eps to be vector, I still get bitmaps in the file). I need the usual vector output so I can edit the PS file directly, changing the scale, bounding box, etc. You know, like I can do with direct graphics output.

So, I *must* be doing a number of things *very* wrong.

Does anyone have an online "dummy's guide" for getting this working for itools? The IDL documentation was...um...well, suffice it to say I ended up visiting DF's website. There I saw a bunch of stuff involving dialog_printersetup() and whatnot, but nothing particularly iTool-y related.

Am I having a really bad day, or is the iTool printer output interface ridiculously complicated?

cheers,

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