
Subject: Re: Why plots shown on screen and postscript are different?

Posted by [Maarten\[1\]](#) on Wed, 11 Feb 2009 14:31:22 GMT

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On Feb 11, 3:02 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> T.H. writes:

>> I've found that most of the time postscript plotting is more trouble

>> than it's worth. If I have a plot on screen that I wish to keep I

>> usually save it as PNG using a command something like.....

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>> WRITE_PNG, filename, TVRD()

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> Humm, well, we all have our own standards, I guess. :-)

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> This notion of how to write a program that looks good

> on the display and in a PostScript file comes up over

> and over. It really is quite simple to do, and the clues

> are all over my web page, although oddly they have never

> been collected in a single article.

I take a different approach: I (almost) never plot on screen. All my plotting is done to Postscript, and I view the result with a

spawn, "gv " + plotfilename + " &"

The only exception is when I need to look at the contents of an array during debugging. But you rarely want to publish those ;-)

Maarten
