Subject: Re: How to produce EPS image file with preview???
Posted by Liam Gumley on Mon, 09 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Jason Li wrote:
> An EPS graphics file may contain two graphics file formats: the PostScript
> code which determines how the graphic looks when it is printed
> (required), and a TIFF or PICT preview image, the version you see on the
> screen (optional). That is all I know about this subject.
> I'd very much like to learn how to produce an EPS image with a preview,
> in particular the one that is recognized by Microsoft Word.

Jason,

This is a bit of a black art as far as I can tell. The best Unix utility
I have found for this purpose is epstool, which is available from

http://old-www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/gsview/epstool.html

(Note: You need to have Ghostscript installed to use epstool.)

epstool allows you to add a TIFF preview (that Word recognizes) to a
Postscript figure created in IDL. The preview image is not great, but
it's better than nothing.

I have a compiled SGI IRIX 6 version if you're interested.

Cheers,
Liam.