
Subject: Re: IDL8.0 plot() function : how to plot to PS file like with DG "Set_Plot"?
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 20 Sep 2010 15:45:53 GMT
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Chris Torrence writes:

- > Our assumption with the new graphics output was that people would use
- > EPS files for importing into other programs - LaTeX documents, MS
- > Word, Powerpoint, etc. And they would use PDF output for stand-alone
- > files, where you want just the graphics on a piece of paper.
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- > If there is a specific need for regular PS files, we would love to
- > hear about it, so we can consider adding support for this.

To some extent, whether you need old technology depends upon whether the new technology works as well as or better than the old. If it doesn't work as well, people might be slow to adopt it.

Just this morning I was exploring PDF output, for example. I created a 3D plot (plot3d) with a legend (legend). All looks as it should on my display. But when I saved the file to a PDF file and opened that with Acrobat, the names in the legend extend outside the legend box. Pretty ugly.

I presume this can be fixed (although I haven't yet discovered how), but it does make you wish for the old days when it happens to you first thing on a Monday morning. :-)

Cheers,

David

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