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Subject: Re: PostScript Background Color Preference  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 17 Nov 2010 16:56:39 GMT  
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Paul van Delst writes:

> I reckon just go with white background everywhere by default. People  
should be used to seeing white background graphics  
> onscreen nowadays.

Yes, you might want to have a look at my new code.  
You might be surprised by what you find there. :-)

> Simple for you to code and simple for neophytes to grok what  
> will happen when they print.

Well, that's the problem. Writing device independent code  
is NOT simple to program! Hence an entire book devoted to  
how to do it. In fact, if I weren't writing this book,  
I would have had no \*idea\* how hard this really is. :-)

You probably wouldn't believe how much book chapters have  
changed since I made them available, once I took my own  
advice and tried to write one of these "easy" programs!

> With NG I just don't worry about it any more  
> (i.e. I never use yellow to plot :o)

Yes, I'm trying to bring the same "don't worry about it  
anymore" approach to the rest of us, who either can't  
upgrade to IDL 8, or who, like me, can't get the damn  
thing to run for 10 minutes at a time and have given  
up on it. :-)

Cheers,

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

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