
Subject: Re: Dumb PostScript Defaults

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2010 16:36:13 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,
>
> I'm tired of getting e-mails that tell me my "stupid
> program doesn't work in PostScript". My programs don't
> work in PostScript because of stupid PostScript defaults!
>
> Anyway, I just updated all my "device independent"
> programs to set the damn PostScript device properly
> so things just work. I don't normally recommend (or
> write!) programs that do things behind your back,
> but in this case it seems justified.
>
> Here is what I am doing:
>
> IF !D.Name EQ 'PS' THEN Device, COLOR=1, BITS_PER_PIXEL=8
>
> Can anyone think of a reason why this would NOT be a good idea?

Page charges for colour plots in journals aside, nope.

I use Liam's pson.pro for *all* my day-to-day Postscript output. And there is a similar line in that procedure:

```
device, filename=filename, /color, bits_per_pixel=8
```

But, I'm sure someone will still complain about it. :o)

cheers,

paulv
