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Subject: Re: More cgplot, ps\_start, ps\_end problems  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sat, 19 Feb 2011 18:35:23 GMT  
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David Fanning writes:

> Well, actually, it appears ImageMagick is struggling a bit  
> with encapsulated PostScript files. I'll have to look into  
> this some more. I've never tried to turn encapsulated  
> PostScript files into raster files, so I don't know what  
> that problem might be.

I am beginning to suspect that the encapsulated PostScript files IDL produces might be the culprit here. Here is what I have done.

I created a simple encapsulated PostScript file in IDL.  
I tried to read this file in Adobe Illustrator. I couldn't open it.

I opened another similar image file in Adobe Illustrator and saved that as an encapsulated PostScript file. ImageMagick had no difficulty creating a PNG file from that encapsulated PostScript file.

I created an encapsulated PostScript file from an iPlot, and tried to open this in Adobe Illustrator. It complained about a missing font, but it opened the file just fine. This file was also able to be converted to a PNG file by ImageMagick just fine.

So, the culprit seems to be the traditional PostScript device driver.

I seem to recall something about problems with IDL encapsulated PostScript output, but I can't put my finger on it. Does anyone remember? I am running IDL 7.1.1 on Windows

Cheers,

David

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

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