
Subject: Importing PostScript Files Created in IDL 8.1
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Folks,

Onward and upward!

OK, I have managed to create a PostScript file of a map projection without a black background using a command like this:

```
winObj.save, 'imgmap.eps', BITMAP=1, HEIGHT=5*600, WIDTH=8*600
```

There is a difference in what file extension I use. I have tried importing the files into Framemaker 9, the software I use to write books, and into Microsoft Word 2007.

If I save the file as "imgmap.ps" or as "imgmap.eps" I can import the files into Framemaker, but I am unable either to see the graphic in the file or to successfully print the file. (I see a gray box in the output from the printer in either case.)

If I try to import the file named "imgmap.ps" into Microsoft Word, it complains and won't let me proceed. I can open the file "imgmap.eps" in Microsoft Word, and I see the graphic. It also prints properly.

I am not sure what all this means, except that I long for the good old days when things just seemed to work! It probably means I have to buy all new software. I guess that's right. I had to buy all new computers when IDL 7 came out. This should probably get me up to date. :-(

Cheers,

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