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Subject: Re: IDL 8.1 PostScript Output on a Sheet of Paper  
Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2011 19:27:35 GMT  
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On 9/26/11 12:05 PM, David Fanning wrote:

> alx writes:  
>  
>> I simply said that, from my side, everything is ok when I print the  
>> produced EPS file.  
>> If you get a "11-inch square or something" plot, that is likely due to  
>> YOUR printing software.  
>> Nothing to do with IDL.  
>  
> Ah, well, I have a couple of problems. First, I would  
> like to be able to \*view\* my PostScript output before  
> I print it, so I know what I am getting. I can't view  
> the PS output from the IDL 8.1 graphics window, or from  
> using the graphics window's SAVE method in GhostView.  
> It is always clipped, presumably because it is so large.  
>  
> The second problem is, I don't WANT to create an  
> encapsulated PostScript file! I want to create  
> a PostScript file in LANDSCAPE mode! This is also  
> impossible to do with IDL 8.1 graphics. (Although  
> kindly they let you get your hopes up by offering  
> a LANDSCAPE keyword, which they proceed to ignore.)

The LANDSCAPE keyword is for PDF files only. From the help:

"LANDSCAPE

Note: This keyword is valid only for PDF files.

Set this keyword to indicate that the PDF output should be drawn in  
landscape orientation. The default is portrait orientation."

> I could live with an 84 MByte output file. Really,  
> I could! If it was 84 MBytes of something I wanted  
> to look at. But, alas, it isn't. :-(  
>  
> I've updated my article to point out this workaround:  
>  
> [http://www.idlcoyote.com/ng\\_tips/blackpsbg.php](http://www.idlcoyote.com/ng_tips/blackpsbg.php)  
>  
> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
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