
Subject: Re: IDL 8.1 PostScript Output on a Sheet of Paper
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 26 Sep 2011 18:05:35 GMT
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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.)

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

Cheers,

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