
Subject: Re: Cannot see anything in the postscript file. Any help?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 27 Mar 2012 05:18:38 GMT

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Yemmy writes:

> I am relatively still new in the IDL community and I most
> often get lost when I encounter problems. In most cases,
> coyote guide/webpage has really helped alot.
> I have been seeing this strange feature whenever
> I use contour procedure or plot procedure: the
> postscript file will just become blank or sometimes
> create the axis but not the data inside or even
> sometime would not open at all. I have instead been
> using plot function and I just forget about it for
> a while, but now I have to make a contour and when
> I use a contour function, I encountered yet another
> problem which make me want to call for help.

I think the short answer to your problem is to just use Coyote Graphics routines. These are designed to work identically on your display and in a PostScript file, and getting color right is the fundamental purpose of the routines. Many of these problems will just disappear if you use them.

http://www.idlcoyote.com/graphics_tips/coyote_graphics.php

Or, if you want to continue to use normal IDL routines, but you want to understand why you are having problems with them, I have an entire book devoted to nothing but this topic. :-)

<http://www.idlcoyote.com/books/index.php>

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>

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