
Subject: Re: Printing in IDL

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Harald Jeszenszky <harald@fiwfds02.tu-graz.ac.at> wrote:

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> Hi there,
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>
> I've developed an IDL program for data visualisation, running on
> different platforms. To print out the data plots, I spawn the
> appropriate printer command depending on the given operating system.
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> For example:
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> - Unix
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> IDL>spawn, 'lpr -hPhp4m test.txt'
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> - VMS
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> IDL>spawn, 'PRINT/QUEUE=NET\$PRINT test.txt'
>
> How can I print out files in IDL on a PC using Windows 95 (the
> network printer is connected as \\fiwf04\hp_laser)?
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> Thanks in advance,
> Harald
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To keep the best quality, write graphics as postscript files and print them

via ghostscript (is available also for WIN95 from Aladdin Enterprises:

<ftp://ftp.cs.wisc.edu/ghost/aladdin/ghostscript>

You'll have the full control of the output via the DEVICE command (like size, color,...)

With a bit of brain work you are able to spawn also a process which will print

your file directly as Postscript file to the network printer via ghostscript

but this I haven't installed because there was no need for.

The menu option Edit->Print Graphics is useful only for quick looks because

its resolution is limited by the resolution of the monitor

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