
Subject: Re: Outputting to Powerpoint

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> Christopher J. Korman wrote:

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>> Hello all,

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>> Is there a way to output a plot, as seen in device 'X',
>> to a file readable by Microsoft Powerpoint? I've tried
>> using encapsulated postscript but Powerpoint does not
>> show the graphic when imported.

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I regularly create plots using IDL on a UNIX workstation and then transfer them to my Macintosh for use in Powerpoint or Word. The easiest thing for me to do is to save the plot in IDL to encapsulated postscript. Then, transfer to the Mac and open the plot using Adobe Illustrator (you need version 6.0 or later). I can then edit the plot if I want. Finally, save the plot in Adobe EPS format. The final result can be placed in Powerpoint or Word document and resized as needed.

I believe Adobe Illustrator is available for Windows, and you could probably do the same method.

Using Adobe Illustrator is nice because it is a very powerful drawing program. You can do neat things like making one figure an insert for another, add shading to draw the eye to a particular part of your plot, add arrows, boxes, etc, to clarify the plot. If you are using color, it's easy to modify the colors of different object in the plot, etc.

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