
Subject: Bitmap printer output?

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Often there becomes a point where it becomes cheaper to send a bitmapped (raster) image to a printer rather than send the "lines" and "points" individually. This is particularly true if the raster driver is smart enough to "tile" the page and only send non-blank tiles to the printer (I have written such drivers myself for other plotting packages). (For an Imagen driver I once wrote the turnover point where it became worthwhile to switch to raster mode instead of vector mode was at only about 200KB or so on average).

Is there some way to do this with pv-wave? Ideally I'd like a "ps-raster" device or some such, but failing that a simple output raster format which I could then write a something2ps filter for would suffice. Suggestions?

Brian

[A ps file I generated today was nearly 5MB, In raster mode it would have been <500K]

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