
Subject: Re: How to I get IDL postscript files from Sun to Mac?

Posted by [dan](#) on Thu, 09 Jun 1994 20:41:36 GMT

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|> Thanks for any help,

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|> Mike Bacigalupi
|> mrb@bugs.aero.org

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Posted by [mrb](#) on Fri, 10 Jun 1994 09:54:02 GMT

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Well, we did (1) and (2), and tried to put it into Microsoft Word, MacDraw, Power Point, and others and it seemed to think it worked. The size of the file got huge enough (about half a meg), but when we tried to see it on the screen or print it out, the portion where we put the picture is empty. There's a graphics box, but nothing visible in it.

We heard today that "Adobe PhotoShop" will definitely work. We sure hope so -- it cost us \$600 -- hope petty cash will compensate us!

Thanks again,

Mike

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Posted by [chase](#) on Tue, 14 Jun 1994 17:25:39 GMT

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We have done this exact procedure many times to include an IDL

encapsulated postscript figure in a MS Word document. It is true that MS Word only displays an empty box on screen where the picture will appear, but when printing the IDL figure comes out correctly.

As an aside, we have found that of the many MAC applications we use none interpret the EPSI format that is produced by the "DEVICE,/PREVIEW" command in IDL. This produces a device independent low resolution preview embedded in the postscript file. Our MAC applications (MS Word, PoswerPoint, Canvas, etc) will only display a preview on screen if a Macintosh PICT resource number 256 is present in the encapsulated postscript file.

Chris

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