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Subject: Re: Generating PS files and png files at the same time  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 17 Dec 2002 13:33:25 GMT  
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Isa Usman (eepisu@bath.ac.uk) writes:

- > Is there a way to generate png files without calling the device procedure
- > every time? It's just that every time I plot something I would like a
- > postscript and a png copy.

This doesn't seem all that environmentally friendly to me, but if you *\*really\** need it, you can draw all your plots in FSC\_Window, rather than in normal windows. Then you can output to JPEG, PNG, TIFF, BMP, PICT and PostScript files with a push of a button.

```
IDL> fsc_window, 'plot', findgen(11)
```

Find the required files here:

[http://www.dfanning.com/programs/fsc\\_window.zip](http://www.dfanning.com/programs/fsc_window.zip)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Generating PS files and png files at the same time  
Posted by [mvukovic](#) on Tue, 17 Dec 2002 18:10:57 GMT  
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- "Isa Usman" <[eepisu@bath.ac.uk](mailto:eepisu@bath.ac.uk)> wrote in message [news:<atmvsu\\$oeq@newton.cc.rl.ac.uk>](news:<atmvsu$oeq@newton.cc.rl.ac.uk>)...
- > Hello,
  - >
  - > Is there a way to generate png files without calling the device procedure
  - > every time? It's just that every time I plot something I would like a
  - > postscript and a png copy.
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  - > Thanks in advance.
  - >
  - > Isa

I use ghostscript for that. you can find it using google. You can run it from the command line, or equivalently, spawn a shell command.

A simple version for windows would be:

```
gswin32c -sDEVICE=png256 -r300 -dBATC H -dNOPAUSE -q  
-sOutputFile=output.png input.eps
```

And this is a snippet from my makefile for making png's from eps's (I use Cygwin for a bash shell in windows, and good chunks of this code are due to stuff I found on the web)

```
bbox=`cat $< | tr '\015' ' ' | head -100 | egrep "^%%BoundingBox" |  
head -1 | sed -e 's/%%BoundingBox://g'` ;\  
width=`echo $$bbox | awk '{printf("%i\n",$$3)}'` ;\  
height=`echo $$bbox | awk '{printf("%i\n",$$4)}'` ;\  
$(GS) -sDEVICE=png256 -r300 -dBATC H -dNOPAUSE -q  
-dDEVICEWIDTHPOINTS=$$width -dDEVICEHEIGHTPOINTS=$$height  
-sOutputFile=$@ $<
```

Hope this helps,

Mirko

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Subject: Re: Generating PS files and png files at the same time  
Posted by [Mark Hadfield](#) on Tue, 17 Dec 2002 20:27:49 GMT  
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"Mirko Vukovic" <mvukovic@taz.telusa.com> wrote in message  
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Let's just say that if God meant us to use all that \$\$ \ | stuff, he wouldn't have invented FORMAT=(F10.1).

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Mark Hadfield            "Ka puwaha te tai nei, Hoea tatou"  
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> wouldn't have invented FORMAT=(F10.1).

Assuming God invented Fortran of course? (and we \*don't\* want to go  
there!!!!) !-)

Dave

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```

Nope, just in my cube :-). But you really should not look too harshly at the code above. It is only programming, just of a different flavor.

Mirko

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