
Subject: Importing IDL plots to Powerpoint on Mac
Posted by [wcramer](#) on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 14:23:12 GMT
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What's the best way to transfer IDL plots to Powerpoint so that they look nice? All of the ways that I've tried so far don't look very presentable.

Thanks

Subject: Re: Importing IDL plots to Powerpoint on Mac
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2005 02:12:29 GMT
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In article <1108996043.787590.11990@c13g2000cwb.googlegroups.com>, "wcramer" <wcramer@fit.edu> wrote:

> Thanks for all of your suggestions. I've been itching to try them, but
> can't seem to be able to install the necessary Ghostscript utility. I'm
> on a Mac OS X machine with no C compiler to compile the source. Is
> there a way to get the binaries that I need?

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> Thanks
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I think Fink is the way to go

<http://fink.sourceforge.net/pdb/index.php?phpLang=en>

or you can install the compilers. They should be on the development tools CD that came with your computer.

Ken Bowman

Subject: Re: Importing IDL plots to Powerpoint on Mac
Posted by [mchinand](#) on Tue, 22 Feb 2005 17:41:18 GMT
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In article <1108736592.609120.299650@g14g2000cwa.googlegroups.com>, wcramer <wcramer@fit.edu> wrote:

> What's the best way to transfer IDL plots to Powerpoint so that they
> look nice? All of the ways that I've tried so far don't look very
> presentable.

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> Thanks

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This is script that I use to import eps files into Powerpoint. It uses ImageMagick's convert utility. This will make the background transparent and switch black lines in the plot to white. I find this useful if I use a gradient background on the slide or anything besides a solid background (and not a white background, obviously).

> cat epstopng

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#!/bin/bash
#
# How to call: epstopng filename.eps
#
convert -density 150x150 +antialias +negate -transparent black $1 `basename $1 .eps`.png
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