Subject: PRINT_FILE keyword in MS-WINDOWS ???
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I thought somebody may have run across this, also, and might
have a suggestion. I'm running IDL 3.6 in MS-Windows 3.1 hooked
up to a postscript printer. While perusing the Reference Guide
for IDL 3.6, I found an interesting device keyword on page 3-18:
"print_file". According to the manual, usage is as follows:

        DEVICE, PRINT_FILE='MYFILE.PS'

which will send the postscript file, MYFILE.PS, to the currently
selected Windows printer. From the description in the manual,
it appears that this may be an MS-Windows specific keyword, as
"windows" is capitalized. I have yet to figure out how to send
an IDL generated plot to my Window's printer without loading the
image into a different program such as Corel or WordPerfect and
printing from there.
From the description, this keyword may be the answer to functioning
as I do in UNIX. However, when I try to use the device keyword, IDL
kicks back with:

        Keyword PRINT_FILE not allowed incall to: DEVICE

If anybody has used this, or figured out another workable solution
to printing in the MS-Windows environment, I'd really like to hear.

Thanks & aloha,

Keith

P.S.   I'll add a second question, since I'm asking about postscript
        files. Again in the MS-Windows environment, has anyone gotten
        the /ENCAPSULATED and /PREVIEW combination to actually produce
        a plot which can be imported into another Windows document and
        actually have a screen preview which can be displayed?
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