
Subject: Q: Encapsulated Postscript - Mac vs. Unix

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The setup:

I run IDL on a nice fast SGI Challenge in my lab, but do all of my writing with OzTeX on a PowerMac at home (IMHO this is much nicer than dvips and Ghostscript under X11).

The problem:

I generate encapsulated postscriptfiles in IDL on the SGI, transfer the file to the Mac, incorporate the image into a TeX or LaTeX file and attempt to view the result and/or print to a non-postscript printer. The attempt fails (both viewing and printing) because the SGI/IDL file does not contain a PICT preview in the resource fork of the file. Of course I can print the dvi file on the nice postscript printer at the lab, but without the benefit of previews during writing.

The question:

Is this a shortcoming of the IDL implementation of the EPS device? i.e. can and should RSI include a PICT preview in the .eps file? Or does this point out a fundamental and irreconcilable difference between EPS formats under MacOS and Unix?

RSI people: feel free to email me in response in spite of your answer to FAQ G10! :)

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