
Subject: IDL graphics & LaTeX

Posted by [Markus Schmassmann](#) on Thu, 21 Sep 2017 11:10:49 GMT

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Subject: Re: IDL graphics & LaTeX

Posted by [Craig Markwardt](#) on Fri, 22 Sep 2017 14:06:16 GMT

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On Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:10:52 AM UTC-4, Markus Schmassmann wrote:

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Subject: Re: IDL graphics & LaTeX

Posted by [Markus Schmassmann](#) on Mon, 25 Sep 2017 14:27:16 GMT

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Thanks, this helped, although I have not yet figured out how to automatically remove all the escapes of the labels in the eps file and how to get the alignment of the new labels correctly.

But given that IDL doesn't get the label alignment right in eps I doubt there is an automatic way to correct that in post processing.

For anyone who wants to try to fix this, or to use it despite its shortcomings, below is the procedure PSFRAG_PREP, which takes <filename>.eps, outputs <filename>_tagNum.eps in which all labels have been replaced by label# as well as <filename>.tex which contains the \psfrag commands to replace the labels.

Markus

```
pro psfrag_prep, filename, example='example', verbose=verbose
; +
; PSFRAG_PREP:
; INPUT:  FILENAME: <filename>.eps file to be processed
; OUTPUT: none in idl
; CREATES FILES: <filename>_tagNum.eps, labels replaced by 'label#'
;              <filename>.tex,      \psfrag commands
;              may have to be edited manually
; KEYWORDS:  EXAMPLE: creates an example file
;              VERBOSE: prints the edited lines
; WARNING:  eps file escapes area not delt with, must be edited out
;          e.g. \psfrag{label1}{title $\sin(2\pi x/25)\exp(-x/100)$}
;          --> \psfrag{label1}{title $\sin(2\pi x/25)\exp(-x/100)$}
;              alignment may be problematic
;
; ~~~~~ MWE for LaTeX ~~~~~
; \documentclass{article}
; \usepackage{graphicx,psfrag}
; \begin{document}
; blablabla
; \begin{figure}
;   \centering
;   \include{example}
;   \includegraphics[width=\linewidth]{example_tagNum}
;   \caption{blublabla}
;   \label{fig:ex}
; \end{figure}
; \end{document}
; ~~~~~ to be compiled by LaTeX,dvi2ps,ps2pdf ~~~~~
; -

if ~isa(filename,/string) then begin
  filename='example'
```

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    example=!true
endif
if keyword_set(example) then (plot(/test,xtitle='x', $
    title='title $\sin(2\pi x/25)\exp(-x/100)\$')$.save,filename+'.eps'

cmd= !version.os_family eq 'unix' ? 'wc -l '+filename+'.eps' : $
    'findstr /r /n "^" '+filename+'.eps | find /c ":"'
spawn, cmd, out &
nLines=long(stregex(out[0],[0-9]*',/extract))

lines=strarr(nLines)
openr, lun, filename+'.eps', /get_lun
readf, lun, lines
free_lun, lun

w=where(stregex(lines, '^(\.*)$', /boolean),cnt)
tagLines=lines[w]
lines[w]='(label'+string(indgen(cnt)+1,format='(i0)')+)'

openw, lun, filename+'_tagNum.eps',/get_lun
printf, lun, lines, format='(a)'
free_lun,lun

noPadDollar=stregex(tagLines,'([a-zA-Z ]*)',/boolean) or $
    strpos(tagLines,$') ne -1
tex=strarr(cnt)
for i=0,cnt-1 do begin
    tag=strmid(tagLines[i],1,strlen(tagLines[i])-2)
    tex[i]='\psfrag{label'+string(i+1,format='(i0)')+ '}' + $
        ( noPadDollar[i] ? " : '$' ) + tag + $
        ( noPadDollar[i] ? " : '$' ) + '}'
endfor

openw, lun, filename+'.tex'
printf, lun, tex, format='(a)'
free_lun, lun

if keyword_set(verbose) then for i=0,cnt-1 do print, $
    tagLines[i], lines[w[i]], tex[i],",format='(a)'

if keyword_set(example) then print, 'PSFRAG_PREP, WARNING:', $
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end

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