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Posted by [linda\\_peco](#) on Wed, 13 Mar 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Any assistance would be appreciated.

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Subject: Re: map\_image in IDL

Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Fri, 15 Mar 1996 08:00:00 GMT

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Linda M. Peco wrote:

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Linda,

MAP\_IMAGE is going to resize the image to fit the area defined by the map edges - there is no way around it. If the you don't like the way the image looks, then add the keywords (BILINEAR=1, COMPRESS=1): the image should look somewhat better. The only way to increase the size of the image produced by MAP\_IMAGE is to use a bigger display window in the first place, before you run MAP\_SET (Note that these comments apply only to video display devices with fixed pixel sizes. If you are using the Postscript device, then the MAP\_IMAGE keyword SCALE may be useful).

Cheers,  
Liam.

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