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Subject: Re: How to produce EPS image file with preview???

Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Mon, 09 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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Jason Li wrote:

- > An EPS graphics file may contain two graphics file formats: the PostScript
- > code which determines how the graphic looks when it is printed
- > (required), and a TIFF or PICT preview image, the version you see on the
- > screen (optional). That is all I know about this subject.
- > I'd very much like to learn how to produce an EPS image with a preview,
- > in particular the one that is recognized by Microsoft Word.

Jason,

This is a bit of a black art as far as I can tell. The best Unix utility I have found for this purpose is epstool, which is available from

<http://old-www.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/gsview/epstool.html>

(Note: You need to have Ghostscript installed to use epstool. )

epstool allows you to add a TIFF preview (that Word recognizes) to a Postscript figure created in IDL. The preview image is not great, but it's better than nothing.

I have a compiled SGI IRIX 6 version if you're interested.

Cheers,  
Liam.

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Subject: Re: How to produce EPS image file with preview???

Posted by [mchinand](#) on Tue, 10 Sep 1996 07:00:00 GMT

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For postscript devices, there is the keyword PREVIEW which should do what you want. Try doing device,/preview. I have not tried it, so I don't know how other programs do at reading this preview image.

Mike Chinander

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