
Subject: Re: Outputting to Powerpoint

Posted by [Liam Gumley](#) on Thu, 27 Mar 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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Christopher J. Korman wrote:

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Even though the graphic is not displayed in Powerpoint, it should still be embedded properly, i.e. when you print it to a *Postscript* printer, the graphic will appear on the printed page. If you print to a non-Postscript printer, then you will only see the bounding box.

Getting the graphic to display in Powerpoint is a bit more tricky, but I can explain it to you if you're interested.

Cheers,
Liam.

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Posted by [Kelly Dean](#) on Fri, 28 Mar 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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- > My data is a 2D ascii ftarr. I want to be able to
- > maintain all axis labels as shown in 'X'.

I do this daily on Windows NT - run the plot with IDL, do a CTL-G to save the plot in the windows clipboard and EDIT/PASTE into PowerPoint.

Put it sounds like you are running the plot on UNIX. Try saving the plot as CGM. PowerPoint will INSERT/PICTURE as a CGM. Older versions of PowerPoint will INSERT/PICTURE the plot as GIF.

Kelly

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Posted by [see_signature](#) on Wed, 02 Apr 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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I regularly create plots using IDL on a UNIX workstation and then transfer them to my Macintosh for use in Powerpoint or Word. The easiest thing for me to do is to save the plot in IDL to encapsulated postscript. Then, transfer to the Mac and open the plot using Adobe Illustrator (you need version 6.0 or later). I can then edit the plot if I want. Finally, save the plot in Adobe EPS format. The final result can be placed in Powerpoint or Word document and resized as needed.

I believe Adobe Illustrator is available for Windows, and you could probably do the same method.

Using Adobe Illustrator is nice because it is a very powerful drawing program. You can do neat things like making one figure an insert for another, add shading to draw the eye to a particular part of your plot, add arrows, boxes, etc, to clarify the plot. If you are using color, it's easy to modify the colors of different object in the plot, etc.

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