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I'm rather new to IDL, and have been having trouble with what is probably a trivial question (I have, however, read the faq, help files, and class manual). The problem is as follows:

 I've been using XV to port each gif to ps, so I can print these plots on the color postscript printer we have, but this is becoming an unsatisfactory method.

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<P>Set_plot, 'PS'
<BR>Device, /color, file='my_plot.ps'
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<P>map_set
<BR>contour, my data
<BR>xyouts, 'text' (several of these)
<BR>plots, some points
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<P>This generates an unreadable file. If I leave off the /color keyword in device, a readable file is generated, but is not in color, not in portrait format, is not set correctly and cut off by the window, and the text is not placed correctly and is overwritten. I've also tried the /encapsulated keyword, but this seems to be of no help also.

`<P>`I would really appreciate any help you (collective) can offer. I know this must seem like a walk in the park to experienced IDLers, but I can't seem to make any headway whatsoever. Furthermore, the online help is pretty bad in regard to this sort of thing.

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