## Subject: Color Postscript from Object Graphics. Posted by Terry Figel on Fri, 19 Jun 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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Hi-

I think I am missing something Fundemental:

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I get a nicely shaded grayscale postscript, not color output.

I downloaded David Fanning's xplot.pro, and produced B&W postscript from that (although it did do Jpeg & gif color)

Any help would be appreciated.

-Terry

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Subject: Re: Color Postscript from Object Graphics.
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That was it, thanks David, I thought I should CC the group, give you a plug for helping out!

Thanks again.

-Terry

David Fanning wrote:

- > Terry Figel (terry@cse.ucsc.edu) writes:
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> I just tried this:
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   (1) Installed a color PostScript printer device on my
>
      machine. I chose, since I don't have one really,
>
      the HP Color LaserJet PS 5 driver.
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   (2) Created a printer object:
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>
       thisPrinter = Obj_New('IDLgrPrinter')
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>
   (3) Looked at the dialog that allows me to select the
>
      printer properties:
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      ok = Dialog PrinterSetup(thisPrinter)
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> Among the properties in the dialog is a droplist to select
> one of the printers I have installed. I select the HP Color
> LaserJet and the dialog how shows a toggle to switch between
> grayscale and color (color was set by default, which I fully
> expected). Now, all I have to do is click OK and call the
> draw method on the printer.
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     thisPrinter->Draw, thisView
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>
> I just tried my XPlot program. Under the File menu I selected
> Print Setup. I chose to make a color Adobe Acrobat color file,
> so I selected that printer driver. (The HP Color LaserJet doesn't
> have a toggle for sending the output to a file, although
> some of the printers I use do.) Set it up for color output,
> clicked OK, and presto (well, p-r-e-s-t-o) there was the
 color output, just as I expected.
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> Interestingly, I tried to make a Xerox DocuTech 135 PS2 color
> PostScript file (this driver dialog allows me to write to a file),
> and although the printer code is executed in exactly the
> same way as the Acrobat file is above, the file never gets
> any output written to it. I don't know what to make of this.
> This happened no matter if I was trying to write color or
> grayscale output. Perhaps the DocuTech doesn't know how
> to handle this kind of graphics output. I'll look into it.
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> Cheers, > David

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