
Subject: Thick keyword

Posted by [Vapuser](#) on Tue, 12 Jan 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Anyone else getting these results?

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Posted by [Joe\[2\]](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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That does seem to be what happens on my hardware (PC) too.

I can't recall whether it is also true for output to a printer. You may appear to have fine control over the line thickness on a printer because the native units (or pixels/texels) are so much smaller. But it is probably still quantized.

Yet another problem in developing a WYSIWYG interface for IDL graphics.

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Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Mon, 18 Jan 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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wmc@bas.ac.uk wrote:

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Pete.

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Posted by [Med Bennett](#) on Tue, 19 Jan 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Are you talking about screen or postscript output? On my machine, screen graphics seem to behave as though the thick value is rounded to the nearest integer, while postscript output with real thick values creates lines with proportional thicknesses (according to CorelDraw, after importing):

thick line weight (inches)

0.2 .00129

0.4 .00207

0.6 .00286

0.8 .00365

etc...

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