
Subject: Re: Window Contents Directly to Printer
Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 20 Mar 1998 08:00:00 GMT
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John Smith aka Samual Haimov (jsmith@company.com) writes:

> Long time ago I tried to use PRINTER device and I found that
> the quality of the print is not very good.
>
> I tried it again now using print_it and as before it came out
> with poorly printed labels, etc.
>
> Am I not doing something right or as I suspected before this
> is what you get when the video is used ?
>
> The reason I have some doubts about doing something wrong is that
> instead of printing directly to the printer I get an encapsulated
> postscript file xprinter.eps

Uh, this wasn't the BEST program I ever wrote, but I'm pretty darn sure it doesn't produce encapsulated PostScript output. :-)

Try renaming the file to print_it_darn_it.pro. Compile the file like this:

```
IDL> .Compile print_it_darn_it
```

Then try to run the Print_It program.

```
IDL> Window, XSize=300, YSize=300  
IDL> TV, Dist(300)  
IDL> Print_It, 0
```

Now you should be running the write Print_It program. :-)

I think you were finding the wrong Print_It program. To see which program you have, type this:

```
Help, /Source
```

It will tell you what directories your compiled procedures and functions were found in.

Cheers,

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