
Subject: Re: Strange PRINTER Coordinates
Posted by [thompson](#) on Mon, 31 Jul 2000 07:00:00 GMT
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Craig Markwardt <craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu> writes:

> I believe that the PRINTER device must keep track of the printable
> region on the page. It's different for different printers. If you
> look under \$IDL_DIR/resource/xprinter/ppds, you can locate lines like
> this in each ppd file:

> *ImageableArea Letter: "18 8 593 784 "
> *ImageableArea Legal: "65 42 547 966 "

> What is unfortunate is that the IDL coordinate system is referenced to
> corner of the printable region rather than the corner of the physical
> page, like most sane page description languages would do.

> Craig

Does this mean that a PostScript file created with object graphics will print differently on different printers? That would be very bad.

William Thompson
