
Subject: How to get page size for PRINTER device?
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According to the IDL 5.4 documentation:

"The DIALOG_PRINTERSETUP function opens a native dialog for setting the applicable properties for a particular printer."

Let's say I've selected the PRINTER graphics device, and I've called DIALOG_PRINTERSETUP to change the paper size from Letter to A4, e.g.

```
IDL> set_plot, 'PRINTER'  
IDL> result = dialog_printersetup()
```

Is there any way to return the new page size to an IDL application? I'm talking about the actual width and height of the paper (i.e. 21.0 x 29.7 cm for A4), not the dimensions of the drawable area on the page (17.78 x 12.7 cm by default).

Even if one uses a printer object, I don't see how the paper size can be obtained.

Cheers,
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