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Subject: Re: Writing a plot in PDF format from IDL  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2005 16:28:19 GMT  
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David Fanning writes:

> If wishes were horses, beggars would ride. :-)

Whoa! I spoke too soon. :-)

Here is what I just did to create a PDF file directly  
from IDL on my Windows machine:

(1) Downloaded the \*free\* CutePDF Writer software from the  
fine folks at Globalscape. (Great FTP software, too!)

<http://www.cutepdf.com/>

(2) Typed the following commands in IDL:

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IDL> set_plot, 'printer'  
IDL> a=dialog_printersetup()
```

At this point I selected the CutePDF Writer from my list of printers.

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IDL> Plot, findgen(11)  
IDL> Device, /Close
```

Whala! A PDF document with my graphics was created! Easy, easy, easy!!

Cheers,

David

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