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Subject: Re: Selecting Printers Programmatically  
Posted by [Benjamin Hornberger](#) on Sat, 23 Apr 2005 16:31:23 GMT  
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David Fanning wrote:

- > Folks,
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- > We have visited this topic in the past with no resolution, but
- > I wondered if anything has changed. Talk about creating PDF files
- > from within IDL rekindles the need to select a PDF printer
- > programmatically from within IDL. Otherwise, any automatic
- > generation of files requires user intervention to select the
- > proper printer from the printer dialog.

If I were to include PDF generation into an IDL program, I would create a PS file and spawn a "ps2pdf" call. In any case, it would require the user to have an external program installed and configured properly, GS or a PDF printer doesn't matter I think.

Of course it would be nice though if IDL had PDF generation built in. Considering how important PDF became in the last few years, one would expect it anyway ...

Benjamin

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