Subject: Re: Printing iTools window to PS file Posted by K. Bowman on Wed, 04 Jan 2006 21:37:45 GMT

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In article <%oTuf.26\$oD4.5809@news.uswest.net>, "R.G. Stockwell" <no@email.please> wrote:

- > Ken, I doubt it matters, but did you remove the last line as well as the
- > first 2 lines?
- > (i.e. keep the eof line, but delete the last 2)
- > (%%EOF
- > %-12345X@PJL EOJ
- > %-12345X)

Yup, did that. Didn't help.

I tried printing the file two different ways with the HP Color PS device: direct to printer (I stopped the print queue and saved the file) to a file (created xprinter.out)

The two files are both about 13 MB. They appear to have a sequence of high-resolution bitmaps (tiled image, I suppose).

The files are also nearly identical. Except for the date stamp, they are the same for the first 8.1 MB. (Don't ask me why they are different after that point.)

Both files can be sent to an HP color printer without problems. To the eye they are indistinguishable.

Neither file will open in any of the software tools I normally use with PS files (Illustrator, Distiller, pstopdf, Photoshop (reports a parser error), GraphicConverter, ...)

So, to send graphics to a colleague, I can send them the ps file, which they can print, but not view on their screens; or I can make low-res bitmaps.

Do users of Windows or other versions of Unix have this problem, or is it just MacOS? That is, can you convert an xprinter.out file to PDF, for example?

Ken