
Subject: Re: Printing iTools window to PS file
Posted by [K. Bowman](#) on Wed, 04 Jan 2006 16:54:11 GMT
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In article <1136384657.557317.34320@g44g2000cwa.googlegroups.com>,
"Maarten" <maarten.sneep@knmi.nl> wrote:

- > If you can reach the print dialog, you can print to pdf or ps file from
- > _any_ application on Mac OS X (the left-most button is actually a popup
- > menu that allows you to select one of the various output options).
- > However, since IDL allegedly uses the X-Window system, rather than the
- > native system, I think you will not reach the standard print dialog. (I
- > prefer to use a Mac, but I'm stuck with Linux at work, so I've never
- > seen IDL under Mac OS X).

Since IDL runs in the X-Windows environment, it does not use the standard MacOS print facilities. Instead it uses the Xprinter software that RSI bought from Bristol a long time back. One of the annoying things about Xprinter is that it spits out error message when you do simple things like click on a menu

Warning:

Name: printerCombo_listSW
Class: XmScrolledWindow
Illegal value (255) for rep type XmRDirection

That does not inspire confidence that it works well.

- > The PS header you showed suggests that the HP driver is acting up: the
- > first two lines indicate a PCL wrapper around the postscript. You may
- > want to remove those first two lines and try to convert again. Can you
- > try to print to some "generic" postscript printer?

I tried that simple expedient to no avail.

Thanks for the suggestions, Ken
