
Subject: Re: Printing iTools window to PS file
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 03 Jan 2006 20:51:14 GMT
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Kenneth Bowman writes:

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> I am trying to print an iTools window to a Postscript file. Printing works fine
> if the output is sent directly to an HP Color Laserjet.
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> If I print to a file (xprinter.out), however, the file is not usable in any of
> my usual Postscript tools (Illustrator, pstopdf, Preview, Distiller). The
> Distiller output log is:
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> .
> .
> .
> %[% Error: ioerror; OffendingCommand: imageDistiller ]%%
>
> Stack:
> 1.0
> -save-
>
> %[% Flushing: rest of job (to end-of-file) will be ignored ]%%
> %[% Warning: PostScript error. No PDF file produced. ] %%
>
>
> pstopdf chokes with a similar error.
>
> %[% Error: ioerror; OffendingCommand: image ]%%
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First of all, I think this is not an iTool problem. I've encountered exactly the same problem trying to make PDF files of book chapters. Unfortunately, I don't know exactly what the problem is now, because it has gone away. I attributed this "lack of a problem" to upgrading to version 7 of Acrobat Distiller, but I don't feel 100% comfortable with this hypothesis.

I just tried creating PostScript files with iPlot and ilmage, using an Apple Color Laserwriter 12/600 PostScript driver on Windows. I had no difficulty creating a PDF from these files with Acrobat Distiller 7, but--oddly--the PDF file is not in grayscale for either file. It seems to be in shades of a subdued red! Go figure!

I notice too that if I try to print directly to a PDF file by selecting the Adobe PDF driver that IDL completely hangs and I have to get out the ol' CNTL-ALT-DELETE. :-)

Cheers,

David

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