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Subject: Dumb PostScript Defaults

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Folks,

I'm tired of getting e-mails that tell me my "stupid program doesn't work in PostScript". My programs don't work in PostScript because of stupid PostScript defaults!

Anyway, I just updated all my "device independent" programs to set the damn PostScript device properly so things just work. I don't normally recommend (or write!) programs that do things behind your back, but in this case it seems justified.

Here is what I am doing:

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IF !D.Name EQ 'PS' THEN Device, COLOR=1, BITS_PER_PIXEL=8
```

Can anyone think of a reason why this would NOT be a good idea?

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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