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Subject: Re: Viewing and Printing PostScript Files  
Posted by [David Gell](#) on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 22:19:40 GMT  
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On Dec 16, 9:34 am, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,  
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> I'm writing a short section to today on viewing and printing  
> PostScript files (especially on non-PostScript printers).  
> I know about GhostScript and GSView, which I use on Windows,  
> but I'm less familiar with what Macintosh people use, and with  
> alternatives to GhostScript.  
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> What do you use to view and print PostScript files?  
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> Cheers,  
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> David  
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> David Fanning, Ph.D.  
> Fanning Software Consulting, Inc.  
> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming:<http://www.dfanning.com/>  
> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

My choice if I've only one or two files to convert is preview. After opening the files, I can rotate to landscape and save. For lots of files, I've a small applescript script that invokes adobe acrobat to open the files, convert to PDF rotate and save. I use the script because one of my IDL applications is the analysis of calibration data which can generate enormous numbers of plots.

Preview is my first choice because it is free. Acrobat is my second choice because it isn't. I've also used ghostscript on the mac but find preview and Acrobat much more convenient.

David Gell

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