
Subject: Re: Printers...

Posted by [mhaffner](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 1995 04:26:01 GMT

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In article <kryan-0802952136090001@dcc00195.slip.digex.net>, kryan@access.digex.com (Kevin W. Ryan) wrote:

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Try out the small and simple utility "DropPS". You simply configure it for a printer on your network and drop any PostScript files on it to send them to that printer. You can find it at any info-mac mirror site in the "Print" directory such as:

< ftp://mrcnext.cso.uiuc.edu/pub/info-mac/Print/drop-ps-113.hq x>

or alternatively from the Bare Bones Software ftp site:

<ftp://ftp.netcom.com/pub/bbsw/drop-ps-113.hqx>

Hope this helps!

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Subject: Re: Printers...

Posted by [Chris Jacobsen](#) on Thu, 09 Feb 1995 11:51:57 GMT

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- >
- > I haven't checked the PC version on this yet - can print output there
- > be directly sent to printers?

On windows, you can do:

IDL> \$ copy file.ps prn:

or within the IDL routine you can do something like

system, 'copy file.ps prn:'

Of course you can do similar things in unix and VMS. I don't know anything about the Mac world, though.
