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Posted by [aiaa.sostc.treas](#) on Tue, 29 Apr 2014 15:55:12 GMT

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Subject: Re: xprinter

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 29 Apr 2014 16:09:44 GMT

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Posted by [aiaa.sostc.treas](#) on Thu, 01 May 2014 13:40:31 GMT

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Unfortunately, if you use the print method for the plot or window objects on mac or unix, xprinter is the output device. I had a little, intermittent success using the generic ps printer.

My final work around was to write my own procedure to print a window, which saved the window to a temporary file then spawned an 'lp' command to print the saved file.

This leads to another question. Is there a way to overload the print method for plots and windows with my own print method?

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