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A/UX: How To Convert PICT File to PostScript (9/94)

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TOPIC -----

Under A/UX, can I take a PICT format file and convert it to a PostScript file without going through a printer? It seems that all the toolbox calls to do such a thing are only in the Print Manager.

DISCUSSION -----

The simplest way to convert a PICT file may be to use Command-F from the print dialog of an application that can print PICT documents. (MacDraw is a good example.) You don't have to connect a LaserWriter for this to work.

Make sure the LaserWriter driver has been chosen from among the different options in the Chooser. Don't worry about not being able to actually select a LaserWriter.

When you get to the MacDraw print dialog, click the OK button, then immediately press and hold Command-F. You should see the message "Creating PostScript File" at the top of your screen above the normal MacDraw "print progress" indicator. You can release the keys when you see this message.

This puts a PostScript file in /usr/lib/Macintosh named PostScriptN, where N starts at 0 and increases by 1 each time you generate a PostScript file this way (up to a maximum of 9).

If this is not an acceptable solution, there are also Macintosh OS applications that can read PICT files and save them as PostScript. One of these which also runs under A/UX is Adobe Illustrator 88. Illustrator 88 can read a MacDraw II-generated PICT file and save it as PostScript.

For more information, search under: "Adobe Systems"

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