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Topic: PDF Printer (Read 10047 times)

christech

Newbie



Posts: 41

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Re: PDF Printer

« Reply #30 on: December 19, 2022, 05:21:58 am »

Quote

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Dariusz Piatkowski

Hero Member



Posts: 1177

Karma: +24/-0

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Re: PDF Printer

« Reply #31 on: December 19, 2022, 05:34:00 am »

Quote

Quote from: christech on December 19, 2022, 05:21:58 am

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Dave Yeo

Hero Member



Posts: 3887

Karma: +81/-0

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Re: PDF Printer

« Reply #32 on: December 19, 2022, 07:32:19 am »

Quote

Quote from: Dariusz Piatkowski on December 19, 2022, 05:34:00 am

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Rich Walsh

Full Member



Posts: 168

Karma: +7/-0

[applaud] [smite]

ONU! (OS/2 is NOT Unix!)



Re: PDF Printer

« Reply #33 on: December 20, 2022, 05:01:58 am »

Quote

Quote from: Dave Yeo on December 19, 2022, 07:32:19 am

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Re: PDF Printer

« Reply #34 on: December 20, 2022, 05:11:40 am »

Quote

Dave, everyone...

Quote from: Dave Yeo on December 19, 2022, 07:32:19 am

Quote from: Dariusz Piatkowski on December 19, 2022, 05:34:00 am

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Like Rich said, it's basically ALWAYS worked!

Go to File => Print Preview => select 'Print to File' and bam, the PDF is produced.

Is there some kind of a setting maybe that controls this?

I do not see anything specific to this in 'config:about' though...

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Dave Yeo

Hero Member



Posts: 3887

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[applaud] [smite]



Re: PDF Printer

« Reply #35 on: December 20, 2022, 05:44:18 am »



Quote from: Rich Walsh on December 20, 2022, 05:01:58 am

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Quote from: Dariusz Piatkowski on December 19, 2022, 05:34:00 am

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Tom

Full Member



Posts: 135

Karma: +2/-0

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Re: PDF Printer

« Reply #36 on: December 20, 2022, 10:54:33 am »



Quote from: Dave Yeo on December 20, 2022, 05:44:18 am

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You mean prndrv.exe? (from Faxworks by the Keller Group, IIRC)

Can be found here: <https://ecsoft2.org/prndrv-os2-printer-driver-installerdeinstaller>

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Dariusz Piatkowski

Hero Member



Posts: 1177

Karma: +24/-0

[applaud] [smite]



Re: PDF Printer

« Reply #37 on: December 20, 2022, 01:50:25 pm »



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In FF there is a 'print_printer' settings in 'about:config' that, at least here, appears to be a 'user set' value (I suspect because I made this selection when telling FF which printer to use). That points to a name of a printer, which in turn has a boat-load of other entries associated with it.

Anyways, look that up because maybe FF is somehow pointing to a printer that either no-longer exists, or was somehow screwed up.

I had previously run into a similar issue with PMView actually. I was in the process of cleaning up entries for an old printer of mine (which was physically retired and replaced by a new device). Well, I thought I had caught all the various applications that actually made use of the printer...lo' and behold, PMView did as well and I didn't catch that before removing the printer device itself. Subsequently that would cause PMView to crash each time I attempted to open the Print function. Took me a while to figure it out, but eventually I did some back-end printer cleanup to fix that.

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